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Are you saying

that the burden of being a professor is too heavy for me to handle?

*THIS STORY IS A WORK OF FICTION. ANY RESEMBLANCE OF CHARACTERS TO ACTUAL PERSONS IS PURELY COINCIDENTAL.

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Competing in this election war while retaining a fixed position is really enviable.
Even if you lose in this election, you can still return to your job as a professor at the UCLA.
I could say the same for you.
Sure, there are tens of thousands of people who recognize your skill,
but are you ready for it?
No matter how resolute you are, the problem lies in whether you can even participate in this battle.

I already quit
my job at the UCLA.

Starting this week,
I'll be a Vice Professor at Mei-shin's ER.

In case I lose in this election,
I plan on opening a small bar.
Asada,
I'll have you work as Shouichiro's subordinate in the ER.

Subordinate, huh?
Hehehe. I'm looking forward to it, Kitou-sensei.

Asada,
come help us if you're free right now.
Sure.
We'll be ending this meeting here... if you'll excuse us, Noguchi-sensei.
Pi Pi Pi Pi Pi
They're calling for me.
It seems like we have a difficult case.
Let's go, Shouichiro.
I'll show you around the ER.
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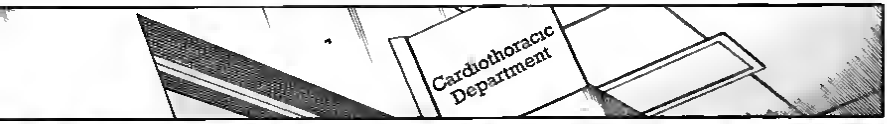
Katou-sensei,
show me to the medical office.
Go ahead.
I will go get my son first.

TO HAVE AS AN OPPONENT!!
HE IS THE WORST PERSON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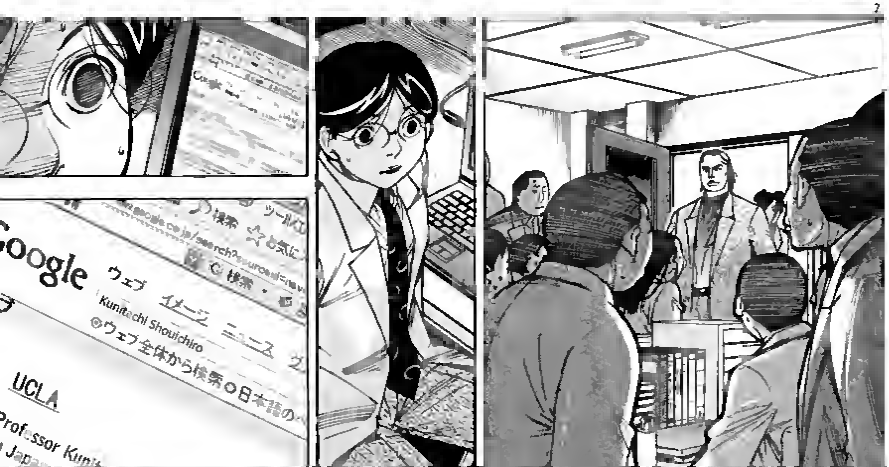
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Someone incredible has announced candidacy!!
A professor at the UCLA is too great of an opponent!!
Even Katou-sensei looks pale!!
Hey, you.
Thanks for showing my son around this place.
You're welcome ...
Katou-sensei,
is Asada-sensei around?
No. We don't have any emergency cases at the moment.
Why? Did something happen?
Cardioth Departm
Erm...
.....

Asada-sensei doesn't have a private terminal,
so I was asked to check the mail at the secretarial office...
We've just received a message in French ...
In French?
They even attached a picture of the patient. It seems like an urgent case...
Does any of you happen to understand French?
This might be a problem...
IF IT WERE ENGLISH OR GERMAN, WE COULD MANAGE SOMEHOW.
BUT WE DON'T HAVE MANY DOCTORS WHO COULD UNDERSTAND FRENCH...

If you'd like,
I can have a look at it.
Right this way.
AS EX-PECT-ED
FROM A UCLA PROFES-SOR...

Secretarial Office
This really is a pressing matter...
Do we have a headset for communicating with the other party?
HE'S SO RELIABLE !!

THIS MAIL WAS MEANT FOR ASADA ...
WAIT A MINUTE.
HE'S PLANNING TO SPEAK WITH THE OTHER PARTY VIA VOICE CHAT...
ASADA ALSO KNOWS HOW TO SPEAK FRENCH ...?
WHICH MEANS THAT-

THAT'S SO NOT LIKE HIM.

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He is currently dealing with an emergency.
I'm sorry, but I am not Asada.
Bonjour, Philippe.
If possible, could we continue this conversation in English? My French isn't that good.
IT SEEMS REALLY SLOW.
THE TIME LAG IS BAD EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE CHATTING.
Then who are you?
You are not Ryu?

I know you requested for Asada's assistance, but I'm good enough to give you a helpful advice.
I have enough experience to deal with the case you are working on.

This girl's right leg got injured by a land mine. We are now dealing with an open fracture.*
I'd like to avoid amputating her leg if possible.

*OPEN FRACTURE IS AN INJURY WHERE A BROKEN BONE IS STICKING OUT THROUGH THE SKIN

IN A WAR ZONE ...
THIS DOCTOR'S CURRENTLY
THIS IS BAD.
.....
and it seems like you can't decide since it's out of your area of expertise.
All your staff are out,

Turn the camera toward the patient.
I will make the decision.
I don't know anything about you...!!
But-
So have faith in me!
I was a professor at the UCLA until recently.
You're running out of time, Philippe. That is all.
Considering your situation, you don't seem to have any decent prosthetic legs at hand, and you do not want to risk an infection which can lead to amputating the leg. Am I right?

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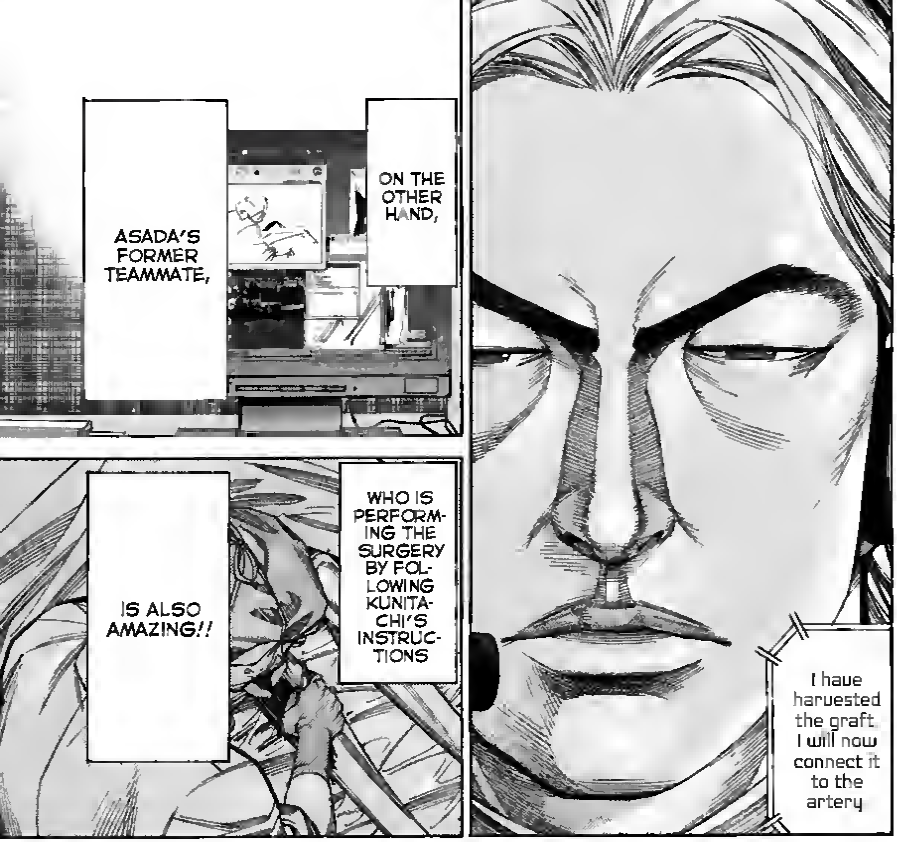
Understood.
Be careful not to get it infected. Have you gotten rid of all the debris***? You can worry about the bones, muscles, and tissues later.
I don't want to enlarge the wound, so just harvest a graft* from the great saphenous vein** then connect it to the artery.

*GRAFTING IS A SURGICAL PROCEDURE FOR MOVING TISSUES FROM ONE PART OF THE BODY TO ANOTHER. THE BLOOD VESSELS ARE BEING GRAFTED IN THIS CASE.

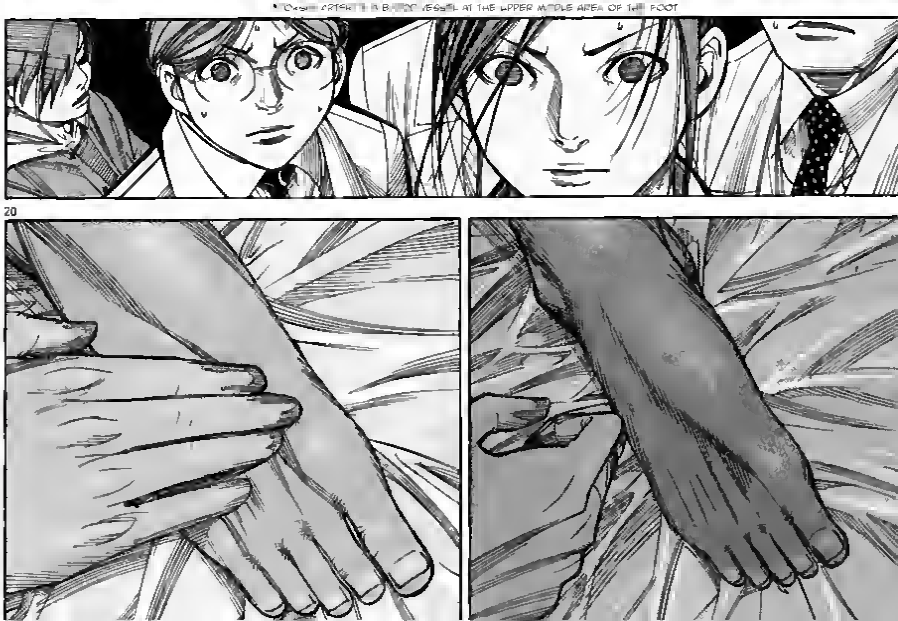
**GREAT SAPHENOUS VEIN = THE LONGEST VEIN IN THE BODY THAT RUNS FROM THE FOOT TO THE GROIN.

***DEBRIS = FRAGMENTS OF SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN DESTROYED

You don't have much blood for transfusion, but we'll manage somehow. She still has enough blood left although she's bleeding a lot.
If you have any antibiotics, use them accordingly. If her blood pressure seems low, raise her head a bit, then proceed with the surgery.
Ok.
*KETAMINE = A GENERAL ANESTHETIC
**EPIDURAL ANESTHESIA = A MEDICAL PROCEDURE WHERE AN ANESTHETIC IS INJECTED INTO THE EPIDURAL SPACE OF THE SPINAL CORD
If you don't have any staff, give her ketamine* by means of epidural anesthesia**!
It will relieve the pain and prevent the blood vessels from expanding, thereby preventing hemorrhage. It's a local anesthesia, so it'll be easy for you to take control of everything.
..Not really.
Hey, your father is amazing!!
BUT OVER THERE, DOING THE SURGERY-
HE ISN'T HERE,
IT'S AS IF


ASADA'S FORMER TEAMMATE,
ON THE OTHER HAND,
I have harvested the graft. I will now connect it to the artery
WHO IS PERFORMING THE SURGERY BY FOLLOWING KUNITACHI'S INSTRUCTIONS
IS ALSO AMAZING!!
HE PROBABLY HAS A LOT OF EXPERIENCE SINCE HE WORKED UNDER ASADA...
BUT TO BE ABLE TO PERFORM A SURGERY THAT IS OUTSIDE HIS EXPERTISE WITH SUCH GREAT SKILL IS INCREDIBLE...
EVEN EXCELLENT DOCTORS LIKE HIM WANT ASADA'S ADVICE...?
...I'll proceed with suturing the side where the ankle's at.

*Dorsal artery is a blood vessel at the upper middle area of the foot



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badump
badump

It's connected!!
Pulse confirmed!!

Kunitachi, it's a success!!

You really helped me out here, Kunitachi!!
I understand!
Leave the wound open for treatment,
and fix the bone in place. I'd like you to transfer the patient to a better hospital if possible.
No...
It's your skills that are great, Philippe...

you even needed my advice on this?
Are you sure

There are times when one wants to rely on someone else.
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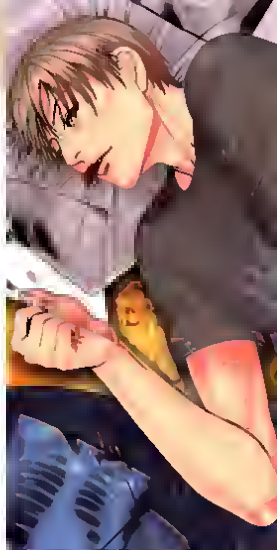

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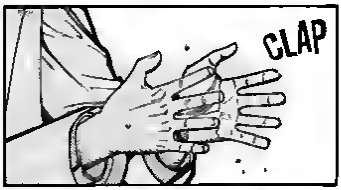

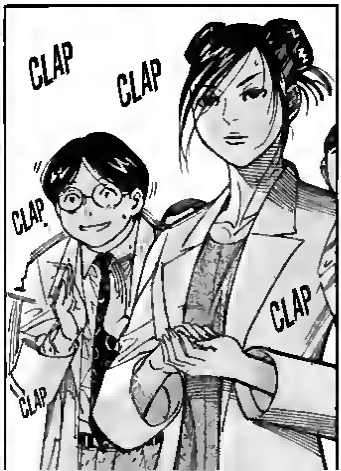

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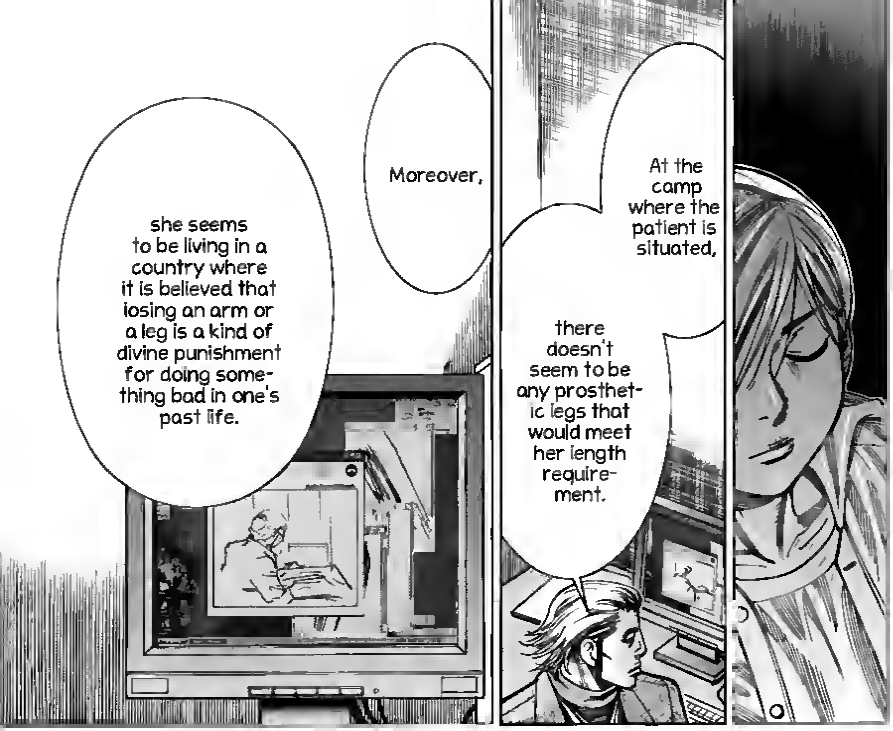
WHO ARE SUPPOSEDLY CAPABLE OF DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
IN JAPAN, THERE ARE A LOT OF PROFES-SORS
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP

HE'S THE REAL DEAL WHO CAN ACTUALLY PULL IT OFF!!
BUT THIS GUY'S DIFFERENT !!

HA
you should let a kid see such a serious wound...
...I don't think
what your father has just done?!
Did you see...

It's great that
you were able to save her without cutting her leg.

Although we did it without cutting it off,
you should keep in mind that it's not always the best decision.


she seems to be living in a country where it is believed that losing an arm or a leg is a kind of divine punishment for doing something bad in one's past life.
Moreover,
there doesn't seem to be any prosthetic legs that would meet her length requirement.
At the camp where the patient is situated,

I decided to save her leg despite the danger of a possible infection.
That's why

Even so, a prosthetic leg isn't always a bad thing.

that decision would have also been correct.
and if he were to decide on amputating the leg to avoid the risk of an infection,
If the doctor called Asodo were in my place,
There are many cases where people had their paralyzed leg amputated
and eventually got a prosthetic one so that they could walk again.

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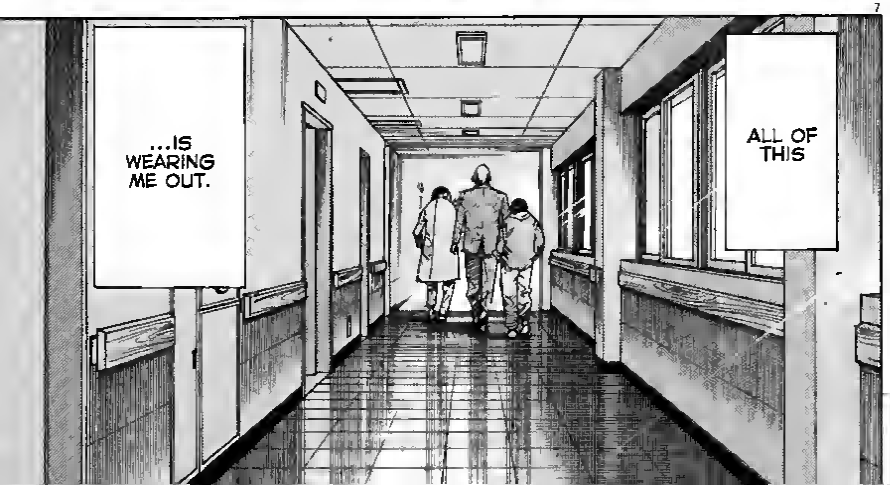
Sorry for being a constant bother to you.
You with the curtains*.
Not at all.
*T/N: HE'S REFERRING TO IJUUIN'S HAIRSTYLE.
don't let him out of your sight.
WHISPER
WHISPER
Ijuuin-kun,
Understood.
Ijuuin-kun, it's also time for your shift in the ER.
Show them the way.
We've been making Kitou wait for a rather long time
It's about time we go to the ER.
.....

...DO I LOOK LIKE A SPY TO HER?
HAA
.....


...IS WEARING ME OUT.
ALL OF THIS

Erm...
What is it?
Is it fine to bring your son along?
It might be too much for him...

I don't care.
If I become the Professor,
I intend to broodcast videos of surgeries to both elementory ond middle school students.
i think it is of utter importonce to moke kids interested in medicine ond the humon body
while they ore stiii young.
HE IS ALREADY GIVING A LOT
OF THOUGHT TO HOW HE WOULD MANAGE THE MEDICAL OFFICE...

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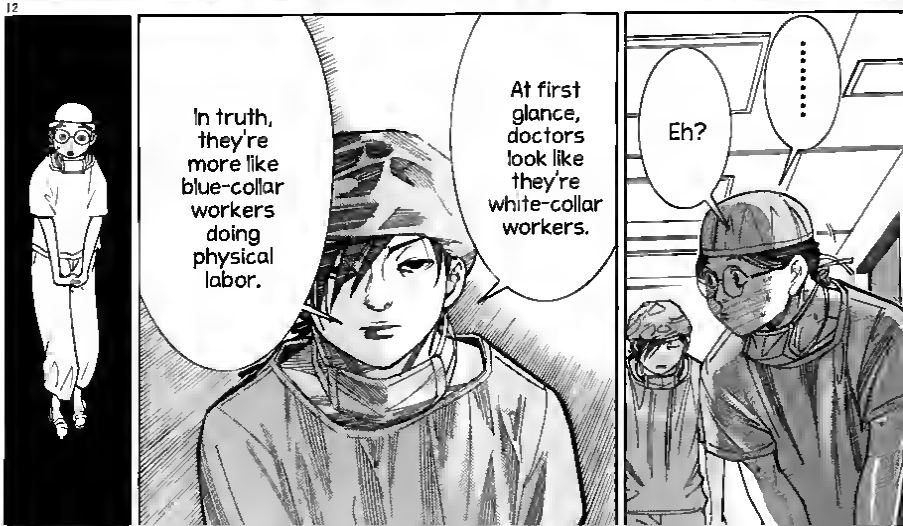
If that really happens, the patient would die!! The scalpel is only used for cutting the skin open!
And the blood doesn't go splashing around when you make an incision with a scalpel.
It's just like in those TV dramas where there's a huge spotlight shining down in the middle of the dark.
Only that it's much brighter and cleaner like in a barber shop.
There might be a lot of sopping wounds ...
the ER is a bit different...
Eh, but ...
SILENCE
also want to become a doctor like your father?
Do you...
NOW WHAT SHOULD I SAY ...

There's no way I'd want that.


In truth, they're more like blue-collar workers doing physical labor.
At first glance, doctors look like they're white-collar workers.
Eh?
.....

If I had the ability to become a doctor,
I would certainly think that other jobs are more fun.
I...
I wonder... What did you mean by that?
WHA ...
WHAT IS HE SAYING?

You don't have to force yourself to talk to me, curtains.
It's bother-some on both ends.
CU ...
CUR-TAINS?
THIS GUY ...
HE SURE IS DARK FOR A KID...

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Fully open the intravenous drip!
We'll intubate her.
Prepare everything needed for pumping her stomach.
*CATHETER = A TUBE INSERTED INTO THE BLADDER TO WITHDRAW OR INTRODUCE FLUID
She's in a state of respiratory depression*
The patient's hardly conscious!
and is not responding to pain!
Poisoning by sleeping pills, huh...
Get a catheter*, and get ready to administer laxatives.
*RESPIRATORY DEPRESSION = HYPOVENTILATION: A CONDITION IN WHICH THE BREATHING IS TOO SHALLOW OR TOO SLOW

Don't you think it's impossible unless someone helps him?
That Asada guy is doing an intubation all on his own.
snore
snore
Don't you plan on helping?
...Hey, you overweight person over there.

Are you new here?
He's skillful enough to do it by himself.
Why don't you just leave him alone ...?
Some-thing like that.
Talk to Kitou-sensei for more details...
My anesthe-sia...
is a secret weapon that's only used in urgent cases,
so I can afford to be lazy till then.

You're late, Shouichiro.
Did something happen?
This ER is rather different from what I've heard.

Your staff don't seem to be bad,
but having a mere jack-of-all-trades from a different department
and a sleep-indulgent anesthesiologist ...
Snnnn
Didn't you praise it by saying something like it's perfect?
The best ER in the country ...

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...Fine.
RATTLE
It's an emergency!!
A 42-year-old man vomiting blood!!
His blood pressure is dropping due to the hemorrhage!
According to his family, he has previously had a stomach ulcer!

Take over this patient !!
Asada!
Ok.

Ok.
Shouichiro, go with Asodo.
I'll leave the stomach-pumping to you, Gon-chan!
All right.

Erm...the potient hod a sto-mach ulcer before.
but that probobly isn't the cause of the hemorrhoge right?
Erm ...
1. Peptic ulcer;
2. Esaphageal varices;
3. Gastric cancer;
4. Hemorrhagic gastritis...
and... erm... eh... Mallory-Weiss.
Vomiting blood is reloted to which diseases?
Ijuuin!

*PEPTIC ULCERS = OPEN SORES IN THE LINING OF THE STOMACH, DUODENUM, OR ESOPHAGUS

*ESOPHAGEAL VARICES = SWOLLEN & RUPTURED VEINS IN THE ESOPHAGUS THAT ARE USUALLY CAUSED BY A CIRRHOSIS OF THE LIVER

*GASTRIC CANCER = PRIMARILY A STOMACH CANCER IN WHICH A MALIGNANT TUMOR OR ABNORMAL GROWTH TAKES PLACE IN THE LINING OF THE STOMACH

*HEMORRHAGIC GASTRITIS = GASTROINTESTINAL BLEEDING CAUSED BY ACID EROSION IN THE LINING OF THE STOMACH

*MALLORY-WEISS SYNDROME = REFERS TO SYMPTOMS SUCH AS BLEEDING CAUSED BY MUCOSAL LACERATIONS IN THE LINING OF THE ESOPHAGUS NEAR THE STOMACH USUALLY CAUSED BY ALCOHOLISM

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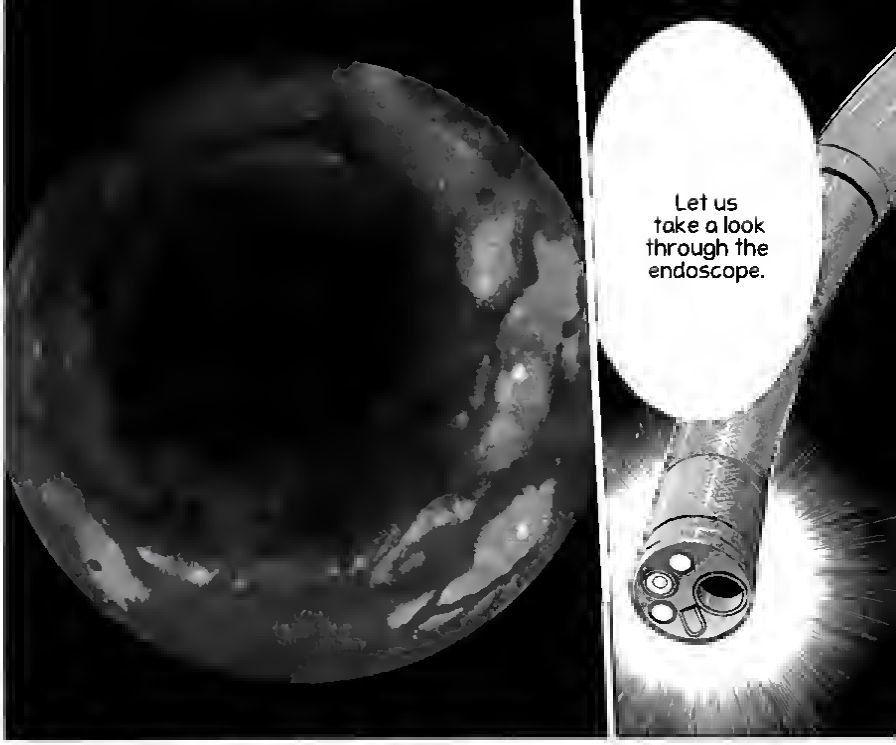
There doesn't seem to be any holes.
How are the results of the plain abdominal x-ray?
I checked through abdominal palpation, and there's no rebound tenderness or muscular defense.

*REBOUND TENDERNESS = PAIN OR TENDERNESS THAT OCCURS UPON SUDDEN RELEASE OF ABDOMINAL PRESSURE; A SYMPTOM OF PERITONITIS

*MUSCULAR DEFENSE = A PROTECTIVE REFLEX IN WHICH A MUSCLE CONTRACTS TO MINIMIZE MOTION OR IRRITATION OF THE INJURED / DISEASED TISSUES; A SYMPTOM OF PERITONITIS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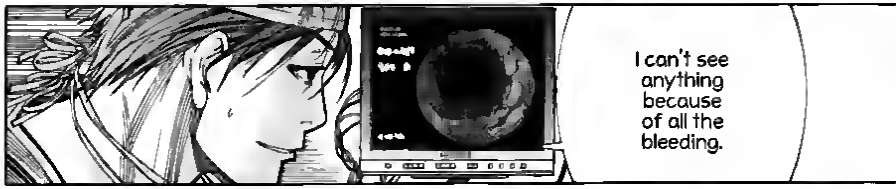
I can't see anything because of all the bleeding.

This patient urgently needs an abdominal surgery.
Contact the Gastro-enterology Department. Ask them if they can take care of this.
It's impossible unless we get a doctor who specializes in this.
The patient is going into hypovolemic shock!!

...Well then,
we'll just have to do it ourselves.
It looks like their department doesn't have anyone to spare.
so they asked us to take care of it here instead.

You're annoying ...
What now...
Wake up!!
Hey, you!
BAM
Keh.
.....
Sleep time is over.

So it's finally time for this secret weapon to make an appearance.

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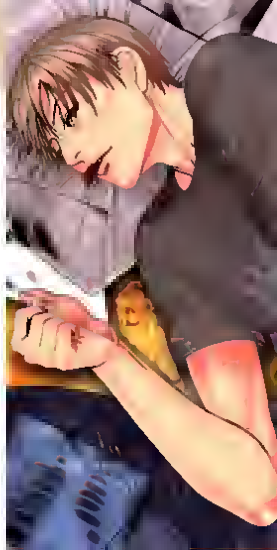

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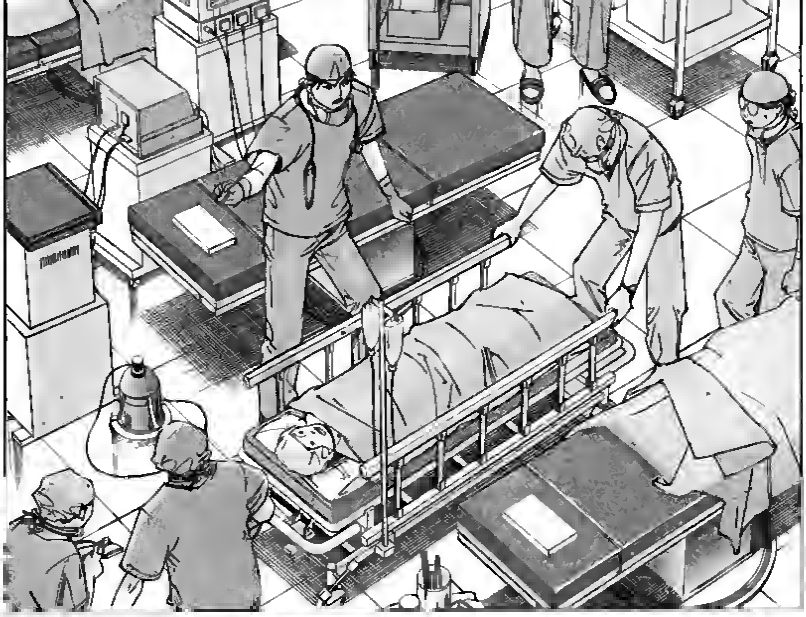

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But the patient's blood was completely red
If that were the cause, the bload he vomited would have a brawnish color.
No, it wasn't.
Wasn't the stomach ulcer the cause af the bleeding?

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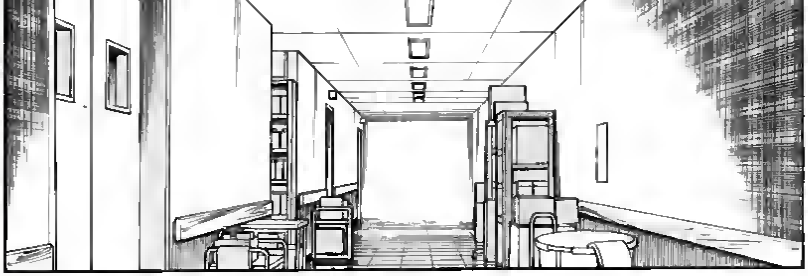
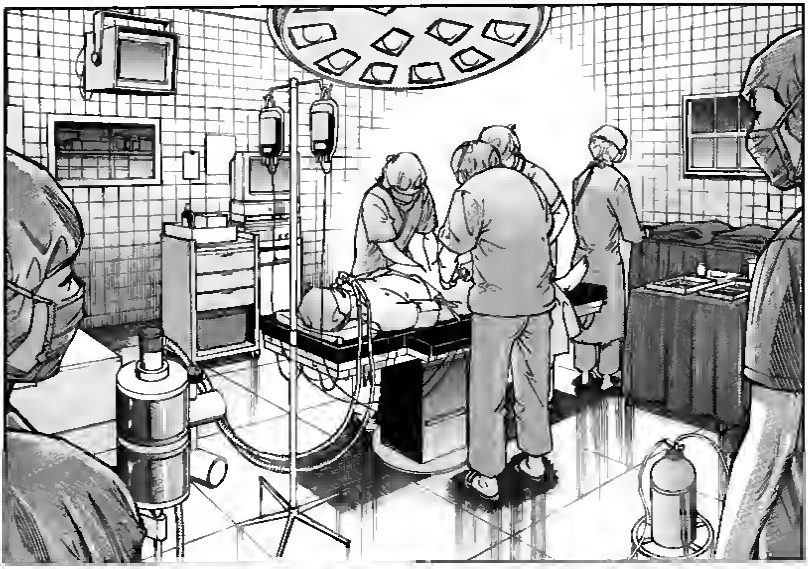
Prof-
essor,
you're
a guest
today.
If a blood
vessel in the
stomach
is torn,
massive
bleeding
occurs.
That
means
you would
not mind
being the
first as-
sistant,
right?
I'm an
ex-
professor.
And I will
serve as
the first
assistant.





I have to go now. I need to prepare for the surgery.
Don't go anywhere near those colored cloths.
They need to stay in a sterilized condition.
...Shingo-kun,
stay here and observe the surgery with the other students.

For how long do I have to stay here?
Damn it.
...You're doing a surgery?
Wasn't it a recurrence of the stomach ulcer?
You know, I was really surprised... when he suddenly began to cough up blood...
Will he...
Will my husband be all right?
Don't worry, ma'am.
The ones operating on your husband--

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best surgeons.

The amount of blood consumption is high.
Hurry up, bean pole.
I'm cutting.
I get it.
SLIT

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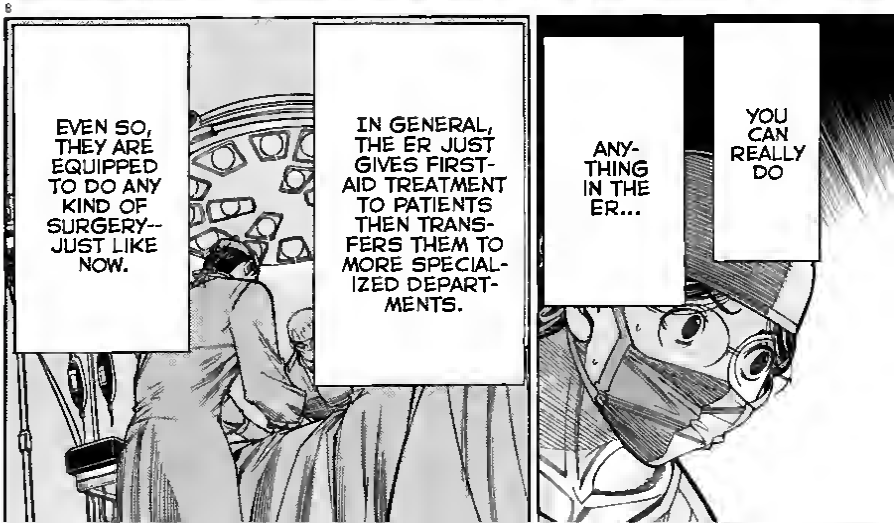
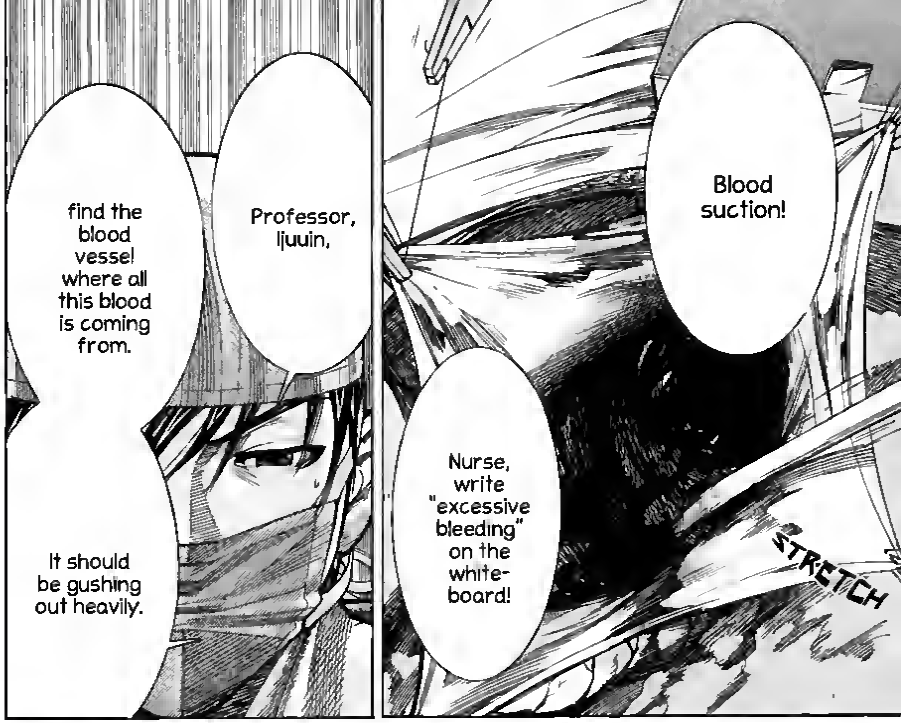

YOU CAN REALLY DO ANY-THING IN THE ER...
IN GENERAL, THE ER JUST GIVES FIRST-AID TREATMENT TO PATIENTS THEN TRANS-FERS THEM TO MORE SPECIAL-IZED DEPART-MENTS.
EVEN SO, THEY ARE EQUIPPED TO DO ANY KIND OF SURGERY-- JUST LIKE NOW.

THERE ARE EVEN ERs
THAT PERFORM SIMPLE BRAIN SURGERIES AND HANDLE CASES OF CANCER IN ITS EARLY STAGES.
Opening the stomach.
ASADA IS
ALSO CAPABLE OF DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
The bleeding is really severe!


Professor, Ijuuin,
find the blood vessel where all this blood is coming from.
It should be gushing out heavily.
Blood suction!
Nurse, write "excessive bleeding" on the white-board!
STRETCH

Under-stood!

I CAN'T SEE ANY-THING INSIDE BECAUSE OF ALL THE BLOOD.
IF I CHECK ALL THE BLOOD VESSELS, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND IT IN NO TIME.

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*BLOOD GAS RESULTS = SHOW THE LEVELS OF OXYGEN, CARBON DIOXIDE, AND PH IN ONE'S BLOOD

...WHERE IS IT?!

How long do you intend to store ot it?!
I can't wait any longer!!
.....
Asada-sensei...

None of the blood vessels
are torn...!!
With this amount of blood,
there's no way it's just an ulcer! A large blood vessel must be torn...!!
But no matter how many times I check...

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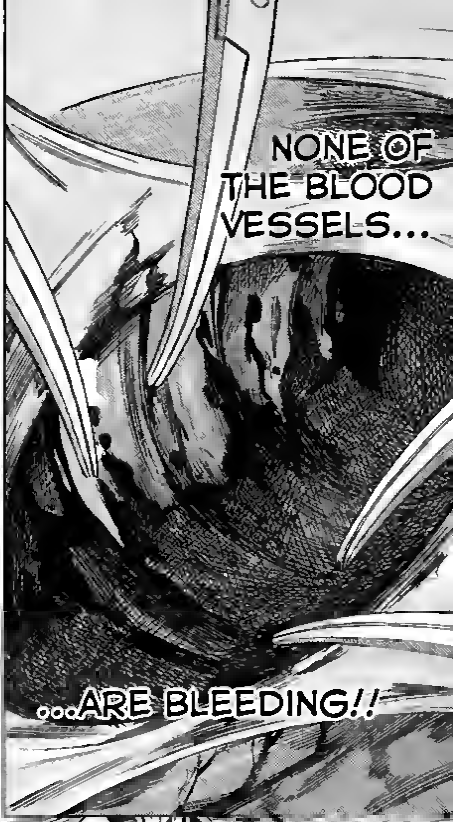
*"PACKED RED BLOOD CELLS (RED BLOOD CELLS THAT HAVE BEEN SEPARATED FROM THE WHOLE BLOOD FOR TRANSFUSION PURPOSES)



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Gauze! Towel!!
Blood suction!
!!!!
The patient has lost 3000 cc of blood ...!!
...IS HE BLEEDING SO MUCH FROM THE STO-MACH?!
WHY ...
we'll end up using all our blood sup-plies ...
If you don't hurry,
Under-stood!!
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Asada-kun.
i think it's time to make a decision,

*TOTAL GASTREC-TOMY = AN OPERATION TO REMOVE THE ENTIRE STOMACH
Perform a total gastrec-tomy* ....!!
It may be the worst decision for a doc-tor to make
if you think about the patient's life after the surgery.
How-ever,
we're almost at our limit in this sit-uation.
We'll be risking the patient's life if we continue to just stand and watch without even knowing the cause of the bleeding.

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...are you doing?
What...

It has nothing to do with the blee--
That's not where the stomach is ...!!
That's the abdomen!
gasp
THE BLEEDING HAS...
.....!!

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You should hove noticed something like this.
Hehehe.

When the ulcer penetroted the gostric woll,
o hole was made in the oorto on the other side of the stomach.
So, if you press on the oorto,
the blood stops just like thot

Professor?
blocking the hole,
Would you mind

Our anesthesiologist is our self-proclaimed secret weapon, you know.
He can keep the patient waiting for another 30 minutes or even an hour if needed.
hi
hi
hi
For you to think that your decision was the only possible option,
you're surprisingly fast to give up, Professor.

I would not go that far.
If there weren't enough blood, he would even use his own.

You seem to have a lot of trust in your abilities.
You also seem capable.
It's ex-
Professor.

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There are only two of them here today, but
But my team isn't bad either, am I right?

when all of them are together,
they're amazing.

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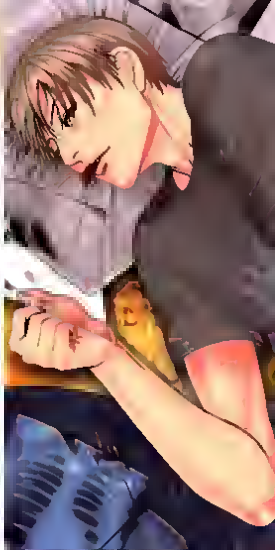

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Wrong Choice

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So starting this week,
Kunitachi Shoulchiro will be the ER's vice professor.
Yeah.
He'll be here everyday starting Monday.
Asado also seems to be going in and out of that ER.
Fufufu. It seems really busy...

It will be troublesome unless *you* work hard.
I wonder if your speech will go smoothly todoy.
Leove it to me...
There's no need to worry...
THIS GUY ...
.....

HE CAN FIND A WAY TO MAKE PEOPLE SUBMIT TO HIM, BUT...

WITH HIS RESEARCH SKILLS,

...HE WON'T DISAPPOINT ME.

EVERYTHING THAT LED UP TO THIS WAS ALL MY DOING.

HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO COME THIS FAR ALL ON HIS OWN.

BUT CHOOSING HIM MIGHT HAVE BEEN A MISTAKE ...

IT'S TOO LATE TO SAY THIS NOW,

EVEN THOUGH KUNITACHI SHOUICHIRO ANNOUNCED CANDIDACY, THIS GUY DOESN'T SEEM TO BE THE LEAST BIT IMPATIENT.

We have secured one-third of the voters in the medical office,
so we can already see the election results.
I'm saying this out of concern...
Putting Katou-chan aside, you must not take Kunitachi lightly.
It's not just his abilities and reputation,
he also has connections with a famous university overseas, that being his greatest weapon.
Kiri-shima-kun,
WHAT'S WITH THIS NAIVE ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION?
THAT WAS INDEED THE CASE UNTIL KUNITACHI ANNOUNCED CANDIDACY...

Once he gets the support of the chairman,
some of our partisans will definitely change sides.
If our votes get split,
then not only Kunitachi will have a chance-- even Katou-chan will.
If that happens, all that we have built will turn into a mere house of cards.
As expected from Noguchi-sensei.
You seem to understand the situation well.
I think there is no need
for such a warning.

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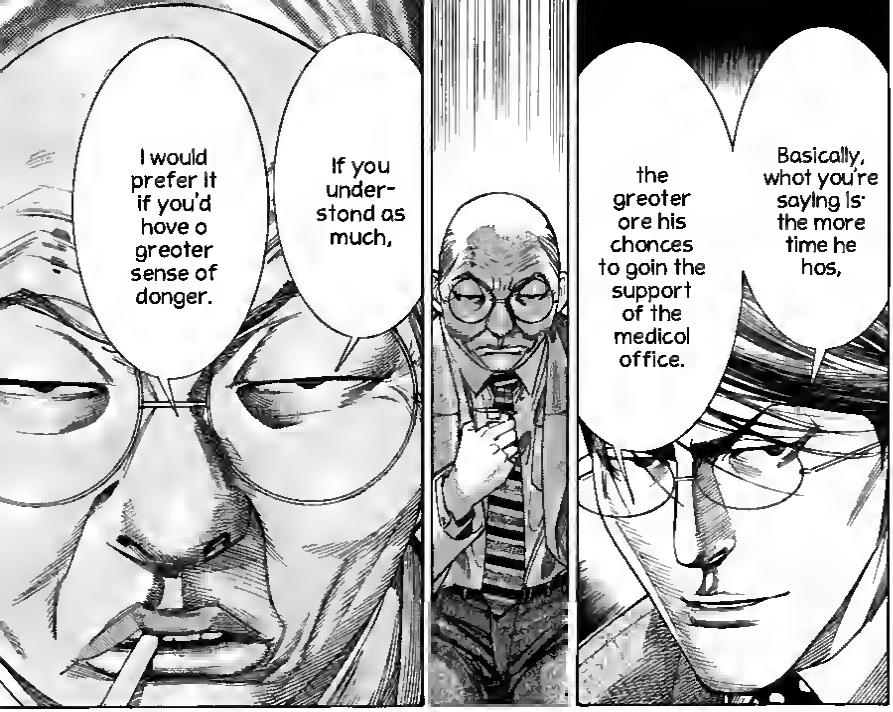
I would prefer it if you'd hove o greoter sense of donger.
If you under- stond as much,
the greoter ore his chonces to goin the support of the medicol office.
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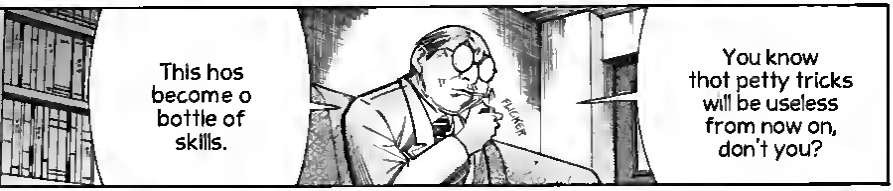
This hos become o bottle of skills.
FLICKER
You know thot petty tricks will be useless from now on, don't you?

you hove some kind of foolproof strotegy to win?
Or could it be thot
FUUUU

Of course I do.

to hear this from me...
However, you might not like
What did you say?
.....

I don't care.
Just tell me.
It is a strategy that's probably beyond your way of thinking.
.....?

If more time goes by, Kunitachi would get more support.
Now if we were to turn this around--

If we turn it around ....?
If it's *now*, we can win.

If you resign right now, it will be okay.
If we hold the election right now, victory is guaranteed.

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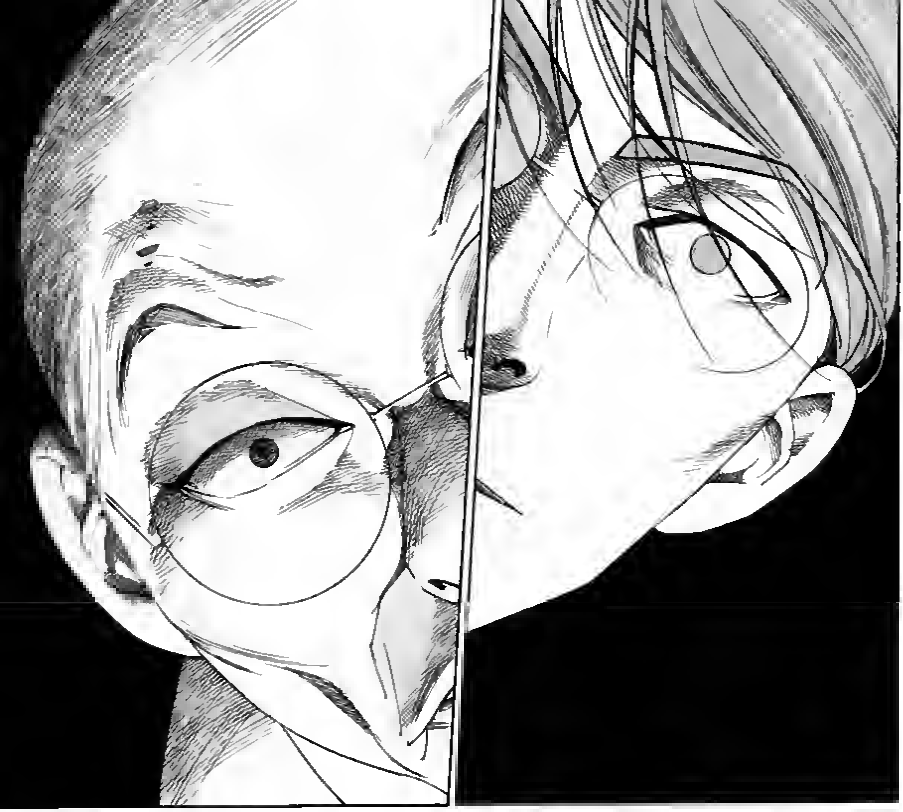
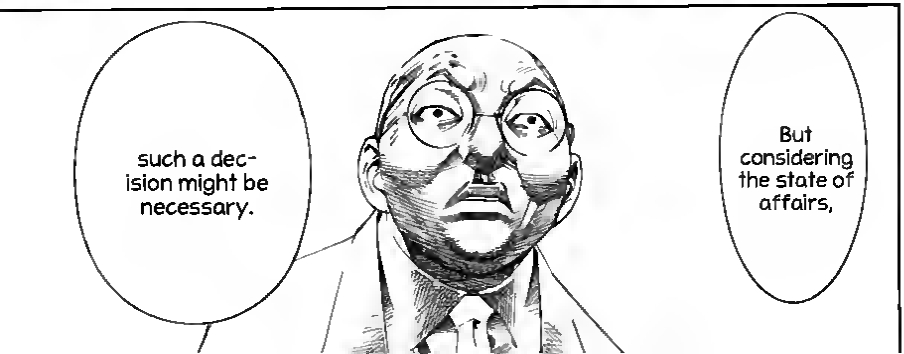


I would like you to retire at the expiration of your term of office if possible...
Personally,


such a decision might be necessary.
But considering the state of affairs,

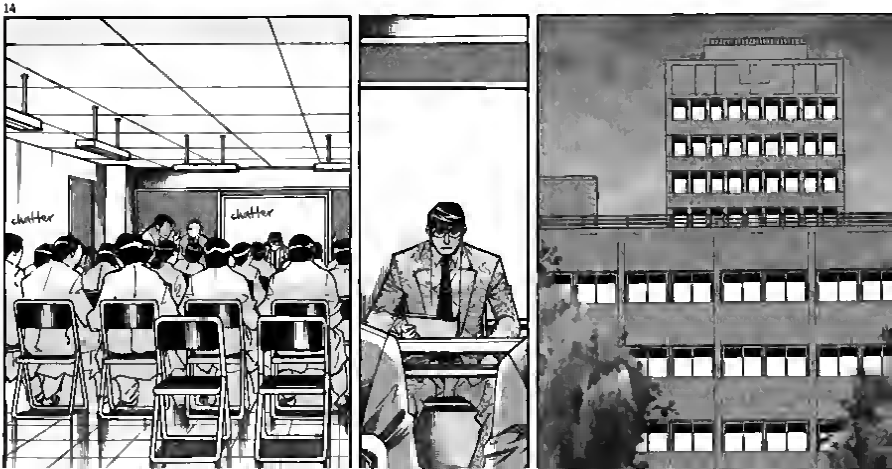
We con no longer turn back, you see.

If we choose to hald the electian ot a time thot's favorable ta us,
the opposition will hove no chance to fight since they will not be able ta make any preparatians.

This is our strangest card.
.....
IT'S AS HE SAYS.

EVEN IF I WITH-DRAW NOW,
USING A SHA-DY ME-THOD TO LAY THE GROUND-WORK FOR THE ELEC-TION ...
I HAVE STILL DONE TOO MUCH
FOR THIS GUY ...!!

Of course this is our final trump card.
As for when to use it,
I leave the decision to you, Noguchi-sensei.
If you'll excuse me.
THIS GUY--
CHOO-SING HIM
WAS DEFI-NITELY A MIS-TAKE.



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CLICK
I will now begin.
He sure is popular.
That's because Noguchi chose him.
murmur
murmur
Nurses ...?
chatter
chatter
Excuse me.
I'm here to join the meeting as a representative of the nurses...

Come in.
I don't mind.

Imai-sensei, Kawakubo-sensei,
it's been a while. It's nice to see you again.
Likewise.
It's Kirishima's sister...
Ah, look.
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I WANT TO HEAR...
...WHAT HE HAS TO SAY.

I am Kirishima Gunji from Kitanihon University.
Nice to meet you.
I would like to start by greeting you all and introducing myself.
Now instead of talking about this and that,

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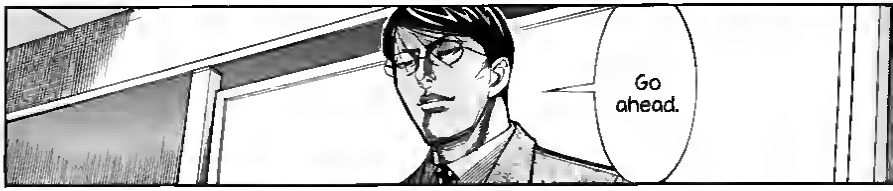
I plan to conduct one-on-one interviews with the staff of the medical office every weekend until the professorial election comes.
In order to do that
I have no intention of talking about the ideals of the distant past.
I would first like to get more acquainted with everything and everyone before I talk about managing the medical office.
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP

Together, I would like us to come up with appropriate solutions to all those problems
I would like to consult with you about the problems of the medical office.

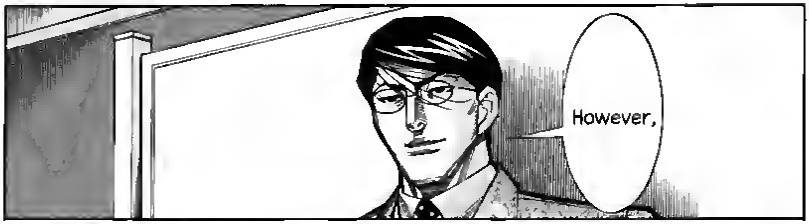
Every week ...?
One-on-one interviews ...?
MUMMUR
MUMMUR
MUMMUR

IS AS GOOD AS AL-WAYS.
HIS ACT-ING
Of course it would be undisclosed to that Noguchi-sensei.
I have a ques-tion.
raise
HAH.A.


Go ahead.

will you set up the medical office such that the teachers from your university will comprise its core...?
In case you become Professor,
It's more of a pre-sumption than a question ...
rattle

and the original employees get fired.
When professors from a different place turn up, they bring their own people with them...
That's a good question.
I can understand your worries well


However,

don't plan on doing something like that.
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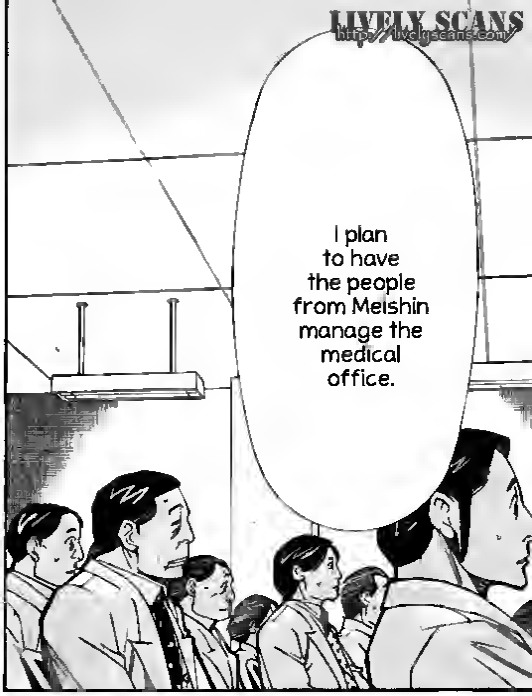
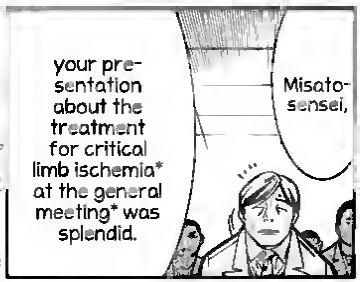
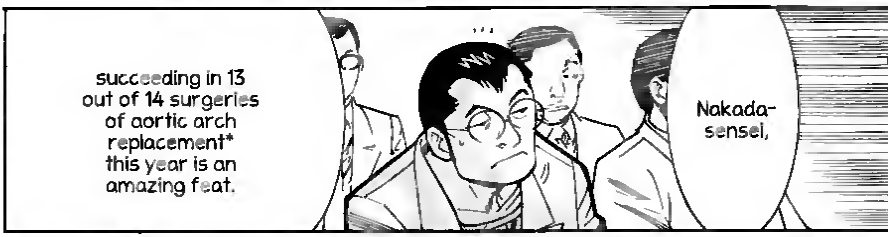




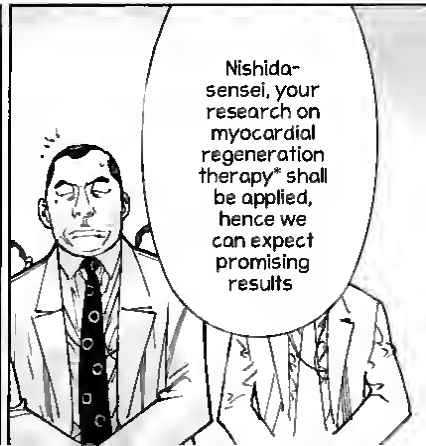
*CRITICAL LIMB ISCHEMIA = THE CONDITION IN WHICH THE LACK OF BLOOD FLOW IS NO LONGER CONSIDERED ACUTE AND HAS CROSSED A CERTAIN THRESHOLD, THREATENING THE [illegible] ABILITY OF THE LIMB

*GENERAL MEETING = AN ACADEMIC MEETING WHERE THE BEST DOCTORS OF THE COUNTRY OR REGION GATHER



*AORTIC ARCH REPLACEMENT = A SURGERY IN WHICH THE AORTIC ARCH IS REPLACED WITH AN ARTIFICIAL BLOOD VESSEL

you're still young but already good at collecting and organizing data. You must be a great support to Nishida.
And Isaka-sensei, his research partner,


Nishida-sensei, your research on myocardial regeneration therapy* shall be applied, hence we can expect promising results

*MYOCARDIAL REGENERATION THERAPY = A NEW CELL THERAPY FOR REGENERATING HEART TISSUES

Kawakubo-sensei and Imai-sensei.
are these two.
The only people I will bring to Meishin as part of my research staff
.....
THAT'S BECAUSE HE HIMSELF IS A MEDIOCRE PERSON.
HE'S GOOD AT CAPTURING THE HEARTS OF COMMON PEOPLE...

HE CAN JUST BREAK THEM WITHOUT FACING ANY CONSEQUENCE!
SUCH PROMISES ARE MEANINGLESS!!

INTERVIEWS, HUH...
WEEKLY
AND A RATHER EFFECTIVE ONE.
IT'S A SOBER METHOD,
BUT IS THIS ALL HE HAS TO SAY?
HE CAN JUST MAKE AN EXCUSE AND GET RID OF ALL OF THEM!!

IT'S MY DUTY TO KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON HIM!!
IT WOULD BE TOO DANGEROUS TO TAKE MY EYES AWAY FROM HIM.

~THE SICKNESS OF JAPANESE MEDICINE~

As long as you can
come up with an excuse,
you can get rid of as many
medical staff members
as you want.

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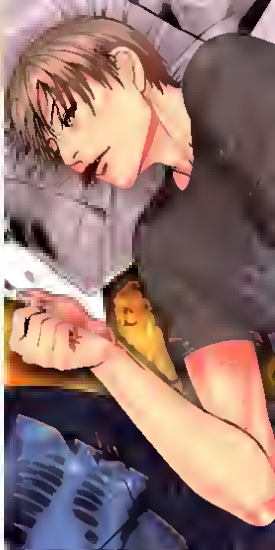

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Whirlpool of Power

I'll go!
Me too!
I've been thinking of inviting Kirishima-sensei to go out and drink with us. Who wants to come?
Since the speech meeting is over,
rattle
rattle

The place is called "Wind." Will you join us, Kirishima-sensei?

You can go ahead.
Sure.

I first want to check on the condition of my patients
back at my university.

...All right.

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chatter chatter
Okay.
Tarabuchi, stay here so you can show him the way once he's done.

I WONDER WHAT WILL REALLY HAPPEN...
EVERYONE SEEMS TO BELIEVE HIM, BUT...
HE SAID HE WON'T BE BRINGING STAFF FROM KITANIHON'S MEDICAL OFFICE...
...BEFORE,

I ACCIDENTALLY
OVERHEARD MIKI TALK ABOUT KIRISHIMA-SENSEI AND ASADA'S PAST RELATIONSHIP...

My brother
pinned a crime on Asada.
IF
THE STORY I HEARD IS TRUE...

NO... I WAS RATHER DRUNK THAT TIME...
BESIDES, MIKI SEEMS TO BEAR A GRUDGE AGAINST KIRISHIMA-SENSEI...

BUT IF THAT STORY WERE TRUE,
THEN KIRISHIMA WOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE TELLING LIES IN ORDER TO GET WHAT HE WANTS.

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...need to talk with Kirishima-sensei.
This professorial election
is Noguchi's last lead performance.

That's why I let him dance all he wanted.
Yet, he looked as if he hadn't danced enough.

Don't worry.
Noguchi and I are in this together.
He should understand that he'll need to make some sacrifices.
Did you really...
...ask Noguchi-sensei to resign?

He understands well enough that we will be at a disadvantage if this election war drags out for too long.
That's where the old man is good at.
To lose this election by wasting time, stubbornly clinging to his position as Professor until the end of his term
or to win by using a valid excuse to quit his job at the right time.
Those two are his only options.
And in order to get him to make a decision,

even if just a little,
I can support Kunitachi and Katou.

CLICK
You may go first.
Imai, Kawa-kubo,
...but do you know the place?
All right...
Ah? Right.
...H-Hey.
Well then, sorry for intruding.
It seems like he has already gone there to meet up with the members of the electoral committee.
Huh?
...Eh?
whisper
whisper
Yes, I do.

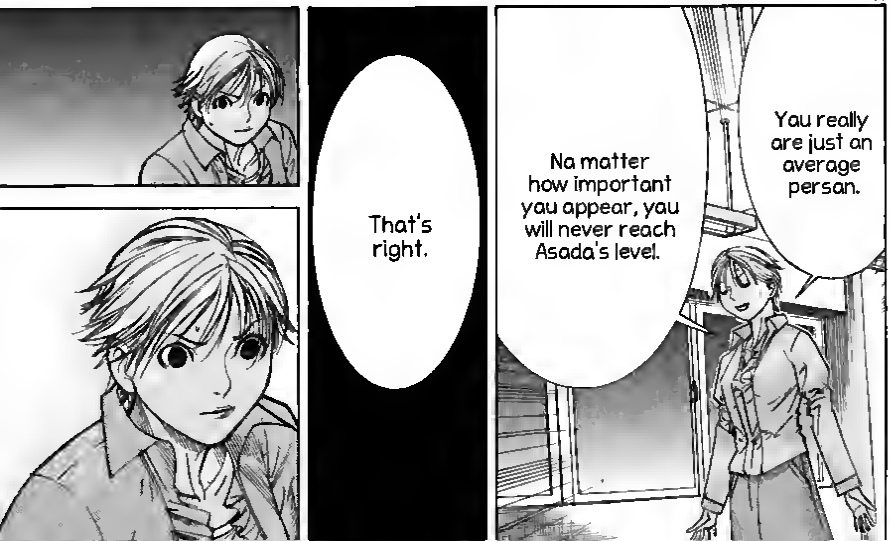
Looks like we'll be having another family reunion...
Lead the way...
What about Kirishima-sensei?
He knows where it is, so he'll go on his own.
But that would be rude...
Tara-buchi,
just show them the way!

No way...
I will accompany Kirishima sensei
This couldn't possibly turn into a fight ...

Should that get leaked, you would lose all support in an instant.
We operated on him here at Meishin.
Remember that infant you left for dead back at Kitanihon University?

If you want Asada's mistake in medical treatment to also get out,
then by all means, do it.
What are yau talking abaut?! That was yaur mistake!!
Don't be so loud.

but people will think of it as a merely groundless accusation.
I don't mind if you slander against me,
It will only ruin Katou's reputation.
Abaut that,
na matter how you look at it, all paints show that it was Asada's mistake.
It seems like the truth.
Yau caward!


That's right.
Na matter how important yau appear, yau will never reach Asada's level.
Yau really are just an average persan.

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I'm average.

I'd like to thank you guys
for teaching me that.

I was excellent when I was little.
I even participated in competitions.
People had high expectations for me,
and of course, I had to live up to them.
Now that I think about it, I was the type who would become a doctor.
However,
no matter how excellent I was, I could never climb over one wall--that being Asada.
It was the first time I witnessed the thing called talent, one that could not be attained by mere effort.
So, I thought I would win
if I drive Asada out of the medical office, but...

I have already lost against him.
...in that instant,

In the medical office,
When you left,
I had a realization.
His hair is about shoulder-length.
there's a long-haired guy, right?
You mean Kihara-sensei?
.....
...ME?
When I was first greeted here at Meishin,
I got to talk with the staff of the medical office.
And that Kihara
was also present.

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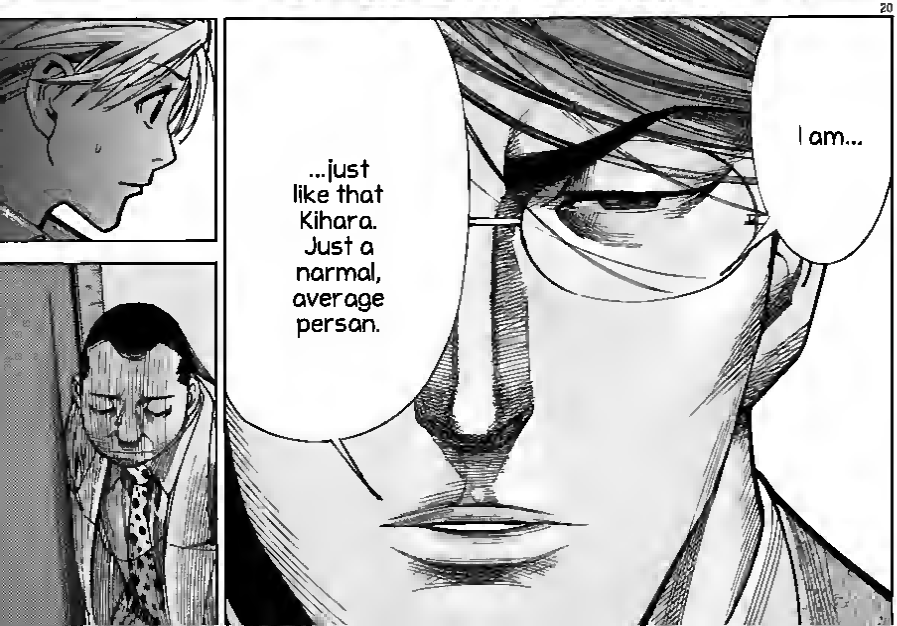
Getting flattered by the higher-ups
and acting all big in front of his subordinates.
He prefers talking to listening to what other people have to say--in short, a common man.

Because he's a common man, no one remembers what he did on that day.
Indeed, he is like a man with no presence.

Do you know Kihara's full name?
No.

That's what I thought.


...just like that Kihara. Just a narmal, average persan.
I am...

Katou pressed for this reform, thinking of rearing those who belong to the new generation.
But what will be come ...
of people like Kihara,
who can't change anymore and have nothing to gain?

You may not realize this now, but...
most people are ordinary people just like Kihara.

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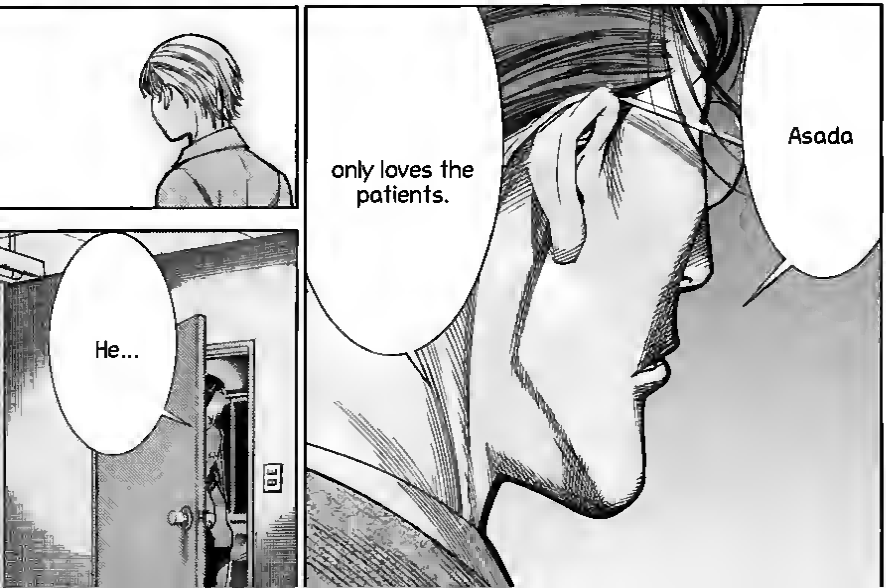
Takehiko---

His full name is
Kihara Takehiko.

If you consider your colleagues human,
at least remember their names.
The instant I lost
was the first time I learned to love other people.


Asada
only loves the patients.
He...

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doesn't love you either.
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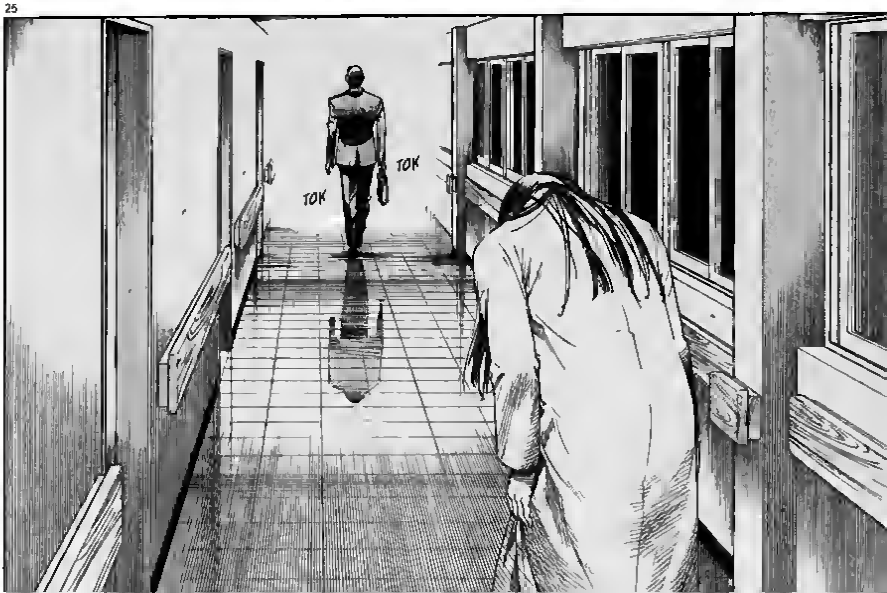
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What's wrong with you, guys?
Is it an interesting name? Like Kei? Rei? Ren?
Give us a hint.
Who are they talking about? The long-haired one? The one with the exposed neck?
Hee... Is it bad not knowing?
Kihara Namahage*
Kihara the Fallen.
*NAMAHAGE = A DEMON
NOM NOM
his name is Jun,
like me?
Could it be that
Suke-masa?

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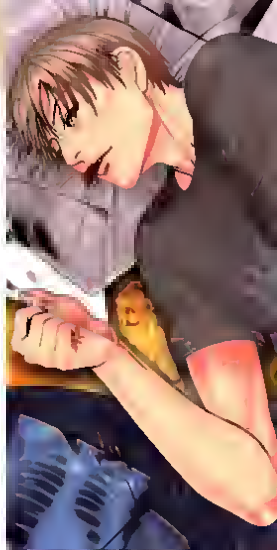

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Odds and Ends

Kihara Karahiko.
Did I get it right?
as far as I can remember the shape of the kanji.
Or something like that...
Did something happen?
I can sort of remember the letters, but...
It's because we don't usually use first names...
Well, my first guess was Satsuhiko*.
You were close.
It's Kihara Takehiko.
*(N): THE KANJI FOR KARAHIKO, TAKEHIKO, & SATSUHIKO ALL LOOK ALIKE.

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Kirishima Gunji said something like that...
Living together with normal people, huh.
It sounds good, but...

...it's probably just a part of his starting strategy

That's how he lives his life. He'll say anything just to have his way.
He'll do anything to get what he wants.

It's exactly because he's that type of person
that it's trouble-some.
Katou-sensei,
unlike him, you're not in despair over yourself.

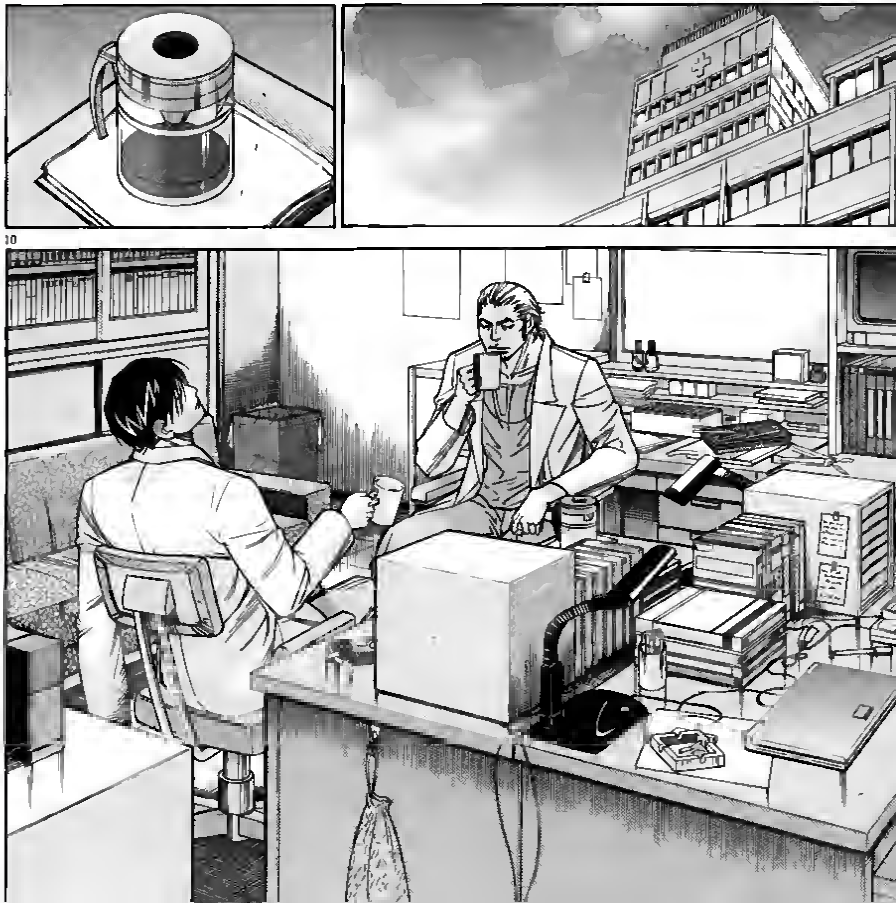
Huh?
A person whose way of life has not been broken...
Kunitachi is of the same type.

Seriously?
They take the fight too seriously.
People like that fight head-on.
They use power to suppress their opponents.
Seriously fighting opponents by using any means necessary in order to survive,
like taking advantage of unforeseen events or being impertinent...
...or something along those lines.
Please excuse me.
I'll keep that in mind...
.....

I MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO GUARD MYSELF AGAINST KIRISHIMA.
IF I FOCUS TOO MUCH ON NOGUCHI AND KUNITACHI,
IT'S AS SHE SAID.
IF I THINK ABOUT IT...
PERHAPS I'VE BECOME A BIT TOO LAX AS A RESULT.
MY PROPOSAL ON ELECTORAL REFORM GOT APPROVED, AND THE SURGERY WAS A SUCCESS...

IN MY CASE,
I WOULD BE JUST ANOTHER WEAK CANDIDATE IF I DIDN'T HAVE ASADA.
I MUST NOT ALLOW MYSELF TO SLACK OFF, NOT EVEN A BIT.
IF A FEMALE GENIUS, WHO'S LIKE ASADA, WERE NEXT TO ME...
I PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO ACCEPT HER, JUST LIKE KIRISHIMA.
I GUESS THAT'S WHY I CHOSE A PERSON OF THE OPPOSITE SEX FOR THAT POSITION WHEN I ASSEMBLED THE TEAM...
SPEAKING OF ASADA, WHEN I FIRST BROUGHT HIM TO MEISHIN, I THOUGHT OF HIM AS A TIME BOMB UNDERNEATH MY FEET.
BUT RIGHT NOW, HIS BATISTA TEAM IS MY ONLY HOPE.

...CAN BECOME MUCH GREATER AND STRONGER!!
I WILL PROVE TO EVERYONE THAT THE BATISTA TEAM...



What did you want to talk about?
I can go on with this staring game for as long as you'd like.
Asada--

I will write you a letter of recommendation to UCLA.

What are you saying?
Do you have a fever or some-thing?
Go to America.
I'm serious.

You are an excellent surgeon,
but at this rate, you'll stay buried in this Japanese medical office without any chance of realizing your po-tential.

I'll help you.
Could this be...
a mere campaign strategy for the election?
Even though it's against my will,
I'm still the chief officer of Katou's party in the medical office.

I don't mind
if you accept this offer only when the election is over.
Katou-chan's chance of winning will also be gone?
Is this because you think that with me gone,

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Doesn't Kitou want me?
Kitou has a bad habit of wanting to have the things he likes at his disposal
Fly out into the world.
You and me,
we belong to the same operating team in the ER. There is no need for having both of us in the team.
As for the first assistant, any surgeon who's slightly better than normal would be good enough.

I will
create a new team here.
.....
Managing a medical office is no different from handling a medical team.
I'll become the professor of the Cardio-thoracic Department
and save patients by reforming the medical office.

having you stay here would just be a waste of human resource.
And when that happens,
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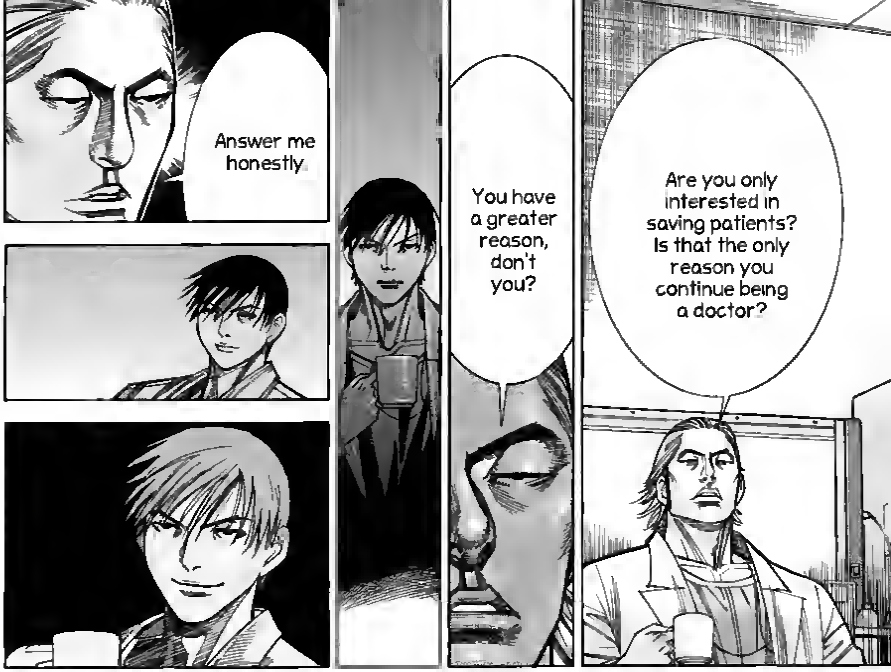
I would not believe that.
I'm not interested in America?
What if I tell you that...


Are you only interested in saving patients? Is that the only reason you continue being a doctor?
You have a greater reason, don't you?
Answer me honestly.

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I'm the same.
Those who are driven by plain curiosity & enjoyment
are always the ones who stand at the top of their profession.
Doctors who are driven merely by humanitarianism tend to use up all their strength somewhere along the stairway.
So if you're the same type as me,
there's no way you wouldn't be interested in cutting-edge medical care.

On the contrary,
you should be interested more than anyone else.

Don't talk as if you understand everything.
Kukuku.
Regardless,
I enjoyed this conversation.
Thanks for the coffee.
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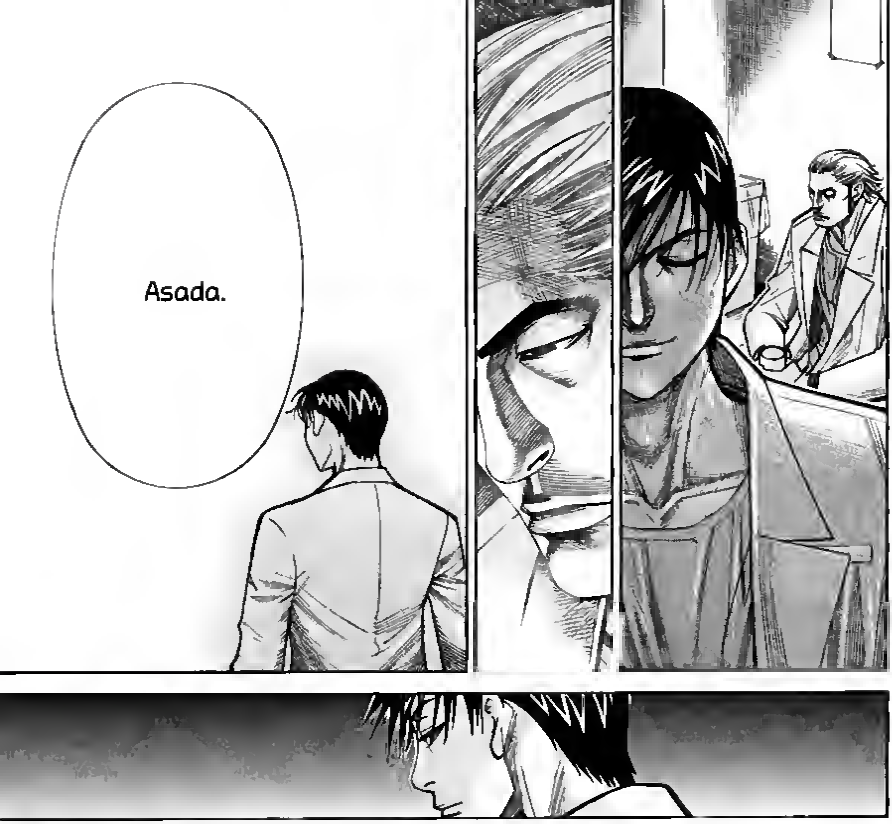
Well,
I'll take it into consideration
If you'll excuse me


Asada.

You meon the guy you wonted to perform o gostrectomy on?

The patient we operoted on when I arrived here ot Meishin--
I have some-thing to tell you.

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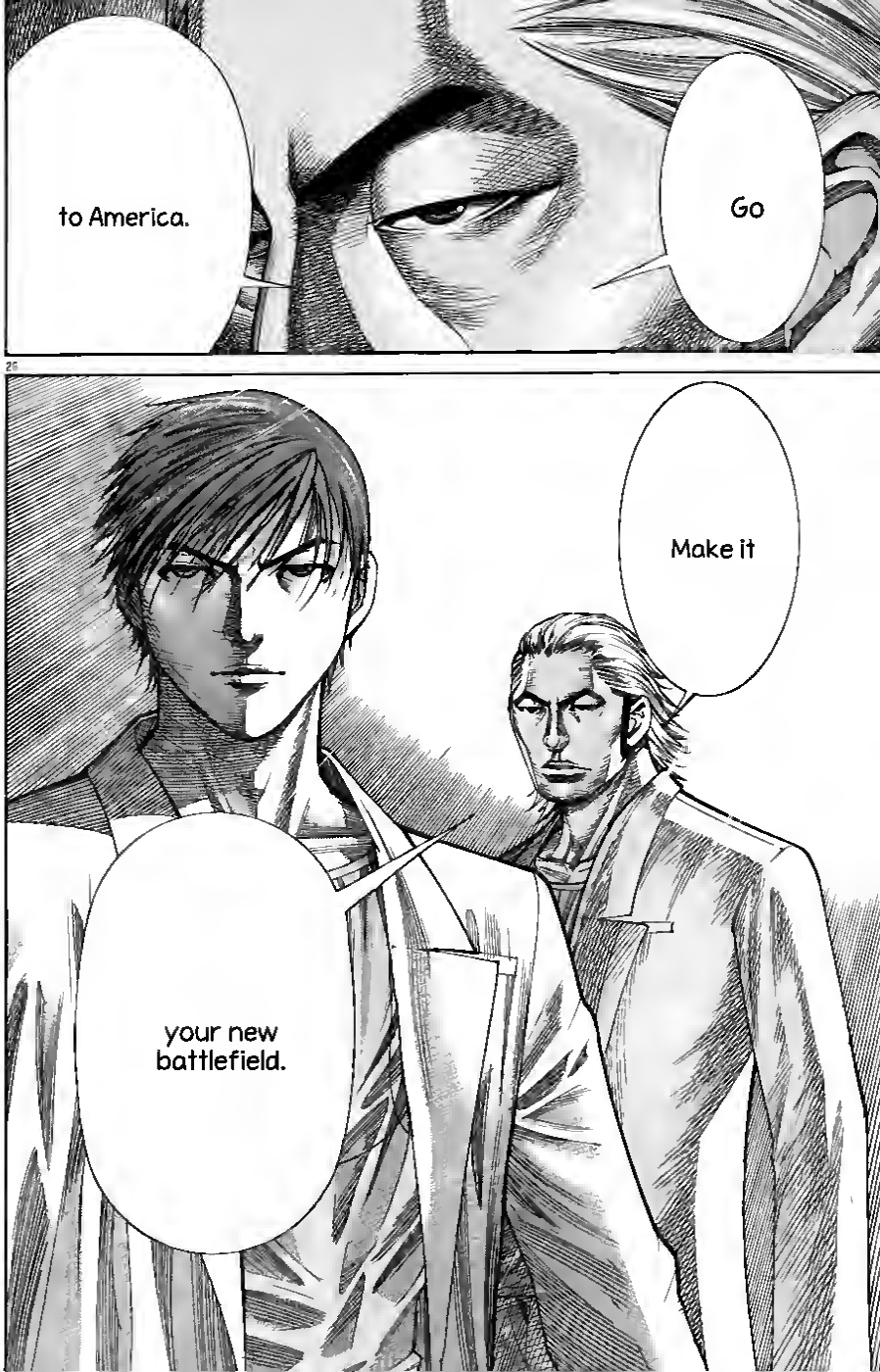
Why?
His condition got worse this morning.
so they did another surgery in the Digestive Organ Department.
Their anesthesiologists weren't skilled enough, so he died from massive blood loss.

he might still be alive right now.
If only I completely removed his stomach back then.

I think you made the best choice.
No one could have foreseen it.

Nevertheless, you shouldn't need to change your pace just to accommodate the slowest doctor.
any normal doctor would have performed a gastrectomy in that situation.
On the other hand,
The ironic thing is that you are too excellent.
It was an unfortunate incident
for both the patient and your talent.
You should go fight at a higher place,
a place that's more suited to your level.



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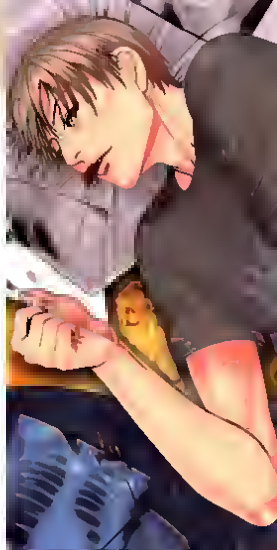

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Disadvantages

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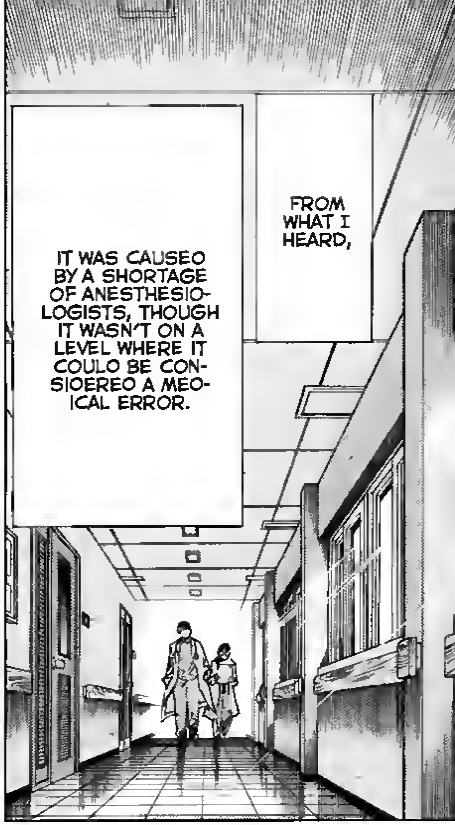
THIS CAME AS A SHOCK ...
WE MANAGED TO SAVE THE PATIENT,
YET HE ENDED UP DEAD RIGHT AFTER GETTING TRANSFERRED TO THE DIGESTIVE ORGAN DEPARTMENT...

IN EVERY HOSPITAL.
THERE'S A SHORTAGE OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS

EVEN THE ANESTHESIOLOGISTS HERE AT MEISHIN HAVE TO CUT DOWN ON SLEEP TIME SINCE THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH OF THEM...
THAT'S WHY THERE ARE HOSPITALS THAT CAN'T PERFORM SURGERIES AT NIGHT.


IT WAS CAUSED BY A SHORTAGE OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS, THOUGH IT WASN'T ON A LEVEL WHERE IT COULD BE CONSIDERED A MEDICAL ERROR.
FROM WHAT I HEARD,

IN THAT CONDITION.
THERE'S NO WAY SOMEONE CAN GIVE THEIR 100%

HE WOULD HAVE COMPLETELY REMOVED THE PATIENT'S STOMACH, AND THE PATIENT COULD STILL BE ALIVE...
IF ASADA'S ABILITY WERE AT A NORMAL LEVEL,
A PASS THEY COULDN'T CATCH.
BUT WITH HIS ACTUAL ABILITY, ASADA THREW THE DIGESTIVE ORGAN DEPARTMENT
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WITH SUCH SUPERIOR SKILLS AS A DISADVANTAGE,
WILL HE BE ABLE TO SURVIVE IN THIS HOSPITAL...?

I wanted to ask you something.
What?
What did Kunitachi-sensei want to talk to you about yesterday?
What is this?
Did Katou ask yau to spy on me?
No way
It's nothing like that
HE'S SHARP ...
He said
he'll get me a position at UCLA.

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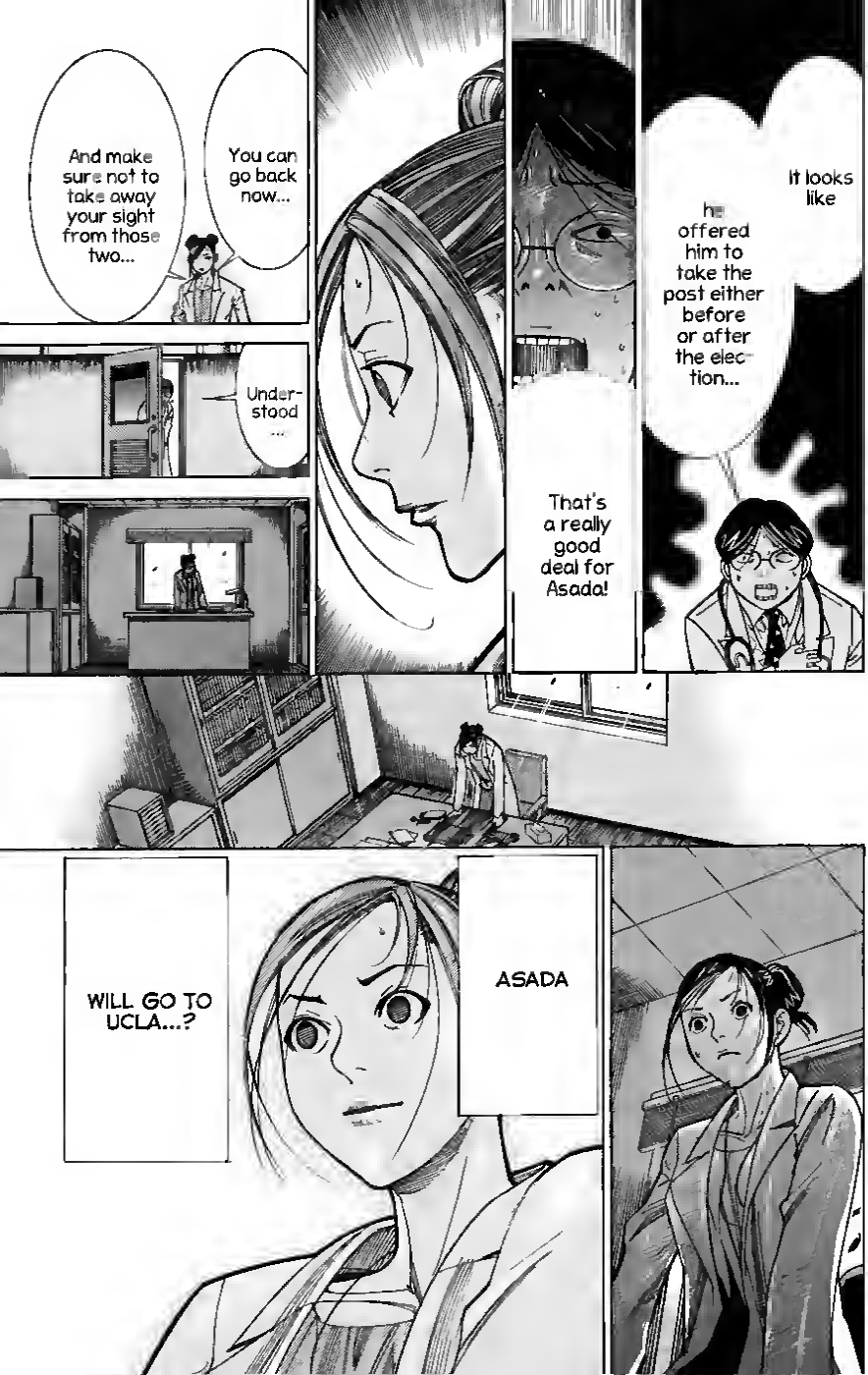
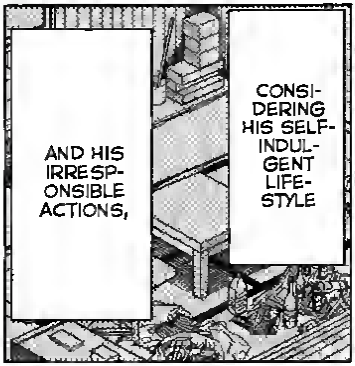
Eh?
I always thought he would stay here for good...
H-Hey, th-there's no way he'd accept, right? He'd have to decline...


And make sure not to take away your sight from those two...
You can go back now...
Understood...
It looks like he offered him to take the post either before or after the election...
That's a really good deal for Asada!
WILL GO TO UCLA...?
ASADA

...START TO THINK THAT HE'LL STAY AT MEISHIN FOREVER?
WHEN DID I...

THAT... THAT'S AN UNBELIEVABLE STORY, RIGHT?
THOUGH IF I THINK ABOUT IT, HE DID JOIN FOREIGN NGOs AND WANDERED AROUND WITHOUT PUTTING DOWN ROOTS ANYWHERE.


AND HIS IRRESPONSIBLE ACTIONS,
CONSIDERING HIS SELF-INDULGENT LIFESTYLE

THAT'S RIGHT. IT WAS ALL JUST MY THINKING.

I ONLY THOUGHT OF HIM AS A GUY WITH NO PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.
I JUST ASSUMED HE'D FIND IT BOTHERSOME TO MOVE FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER.

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I EXPECTED HIM TO SYMPATHIZE WITH MY CAUSE REGARDLESS OF HIS OPINION.
AS REGARDS MY REFORM,
...AND THAT'S NOT ALL.
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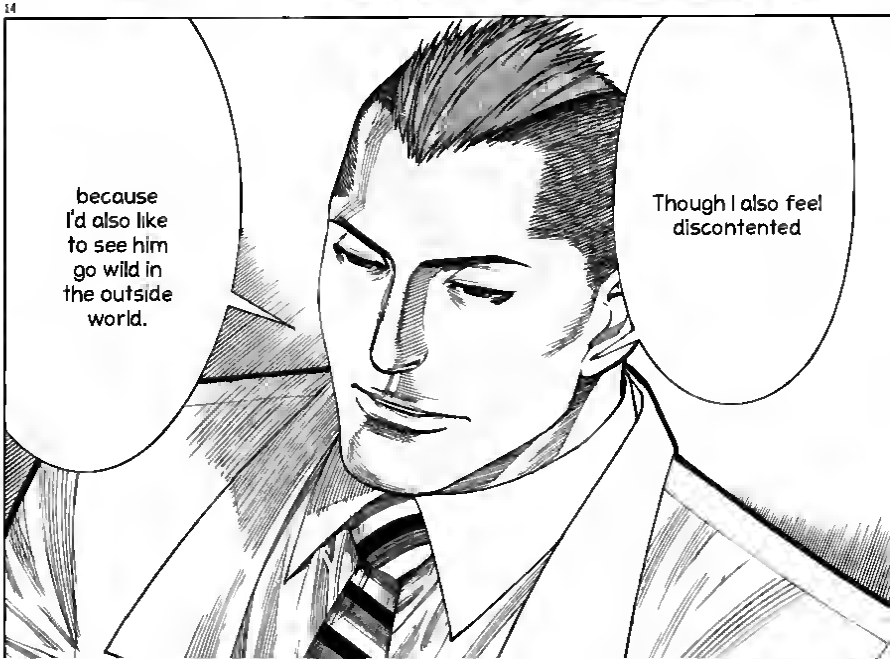
MAYBE THAT'S ALL THERE WAS TO IT...
HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ONLY HELPING ME IN ORDER TO OPPOSE KIRISHIMA GUNJI.
IF I THINK ABOUT IT CALMLY,

I SURE WAS SELFISH TO THINK THAT WAY...
WHEN I FOUND HIM, I THOUGHT OF HIM AS MY OWN TREASURE.

So if its center, Asada, were to leave...
Well, Katou-sensei's strongest card is the batista team, right?
What does?
...It looks bad, doesn't it...
even if it's just a rumor, she will lose the election.
But he wouldn't plan on
going to America.

That's what I like about him...
Whether it's a good thing or not, he's a man who doesn't think about tomorrow.
To him, his current patients are everything.
He's not absorbed with the idea of going to UCLA.
He's not someone who desires prestige.



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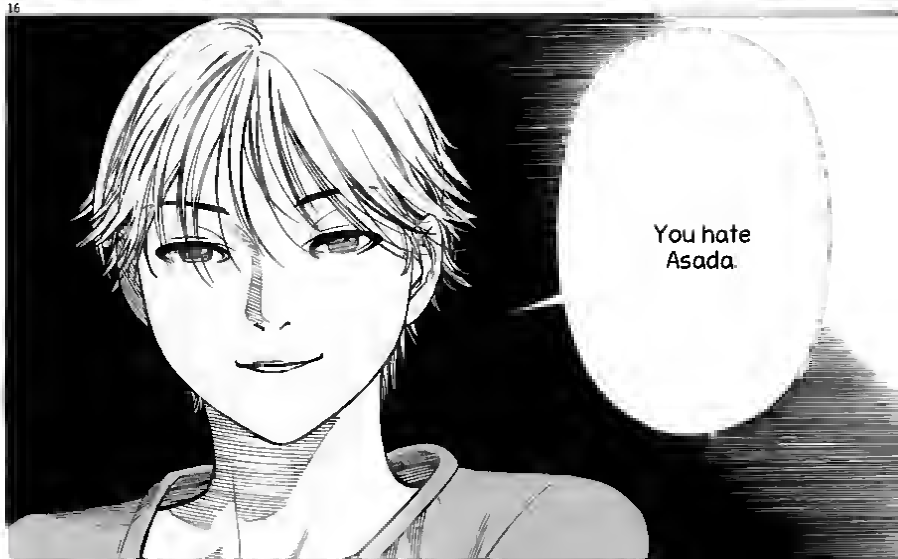
As you said, he's only interested in his patients...
But you know,
the UCLA just doesn't seem to fit him
Even during surgeries,
he looks like an F1 racer who has just reached a corner...
feeling alive only when he experiences the thrill of barely making it.

I see...
So that's how it is.

That's why he's so into it...
It's not the patients. He's curing himself...
Asada-sensei
is sick.
But you see ...
Ijuuin-sensei...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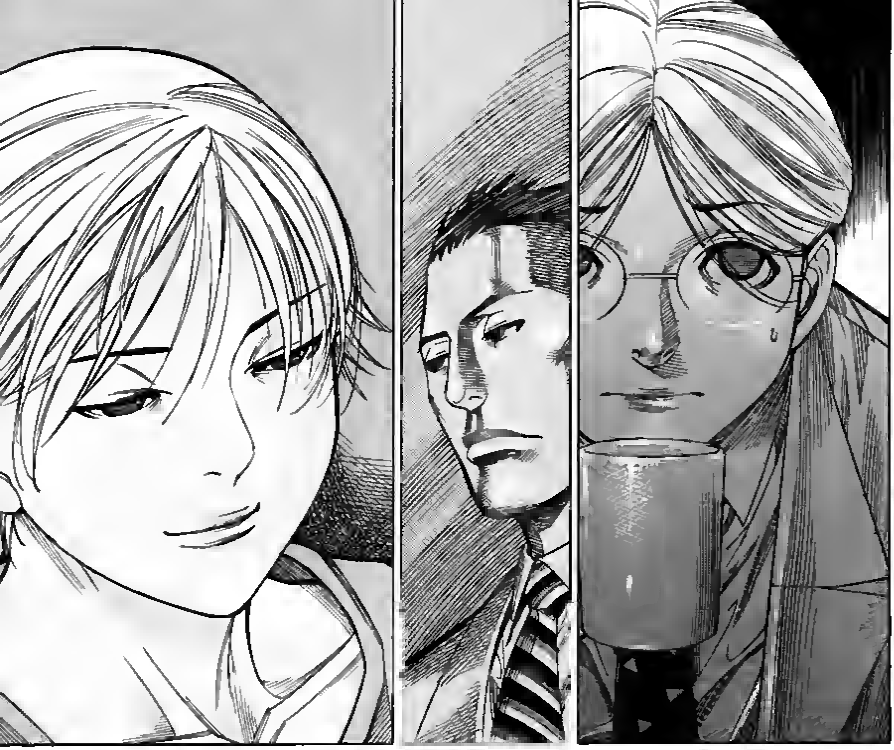

No...

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Eh?

that Asada-sensei felt like taking care of you...

It's probably because you're like that

I don't...

Some-thing like that ...

Once a person gets captivated by him,
that person can no longer think of working on his own after getting separated from him.
Asada-sensei becomes something like a god,
and that person becomes dependent on him without even realizing it.
People with real talent-
kill the individuality of the people around them.
It's similar to how the hierarchy in the medical office kills the personality of its staff members...

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You have to grow up no matter what...
I want you to grow without losing yourself.
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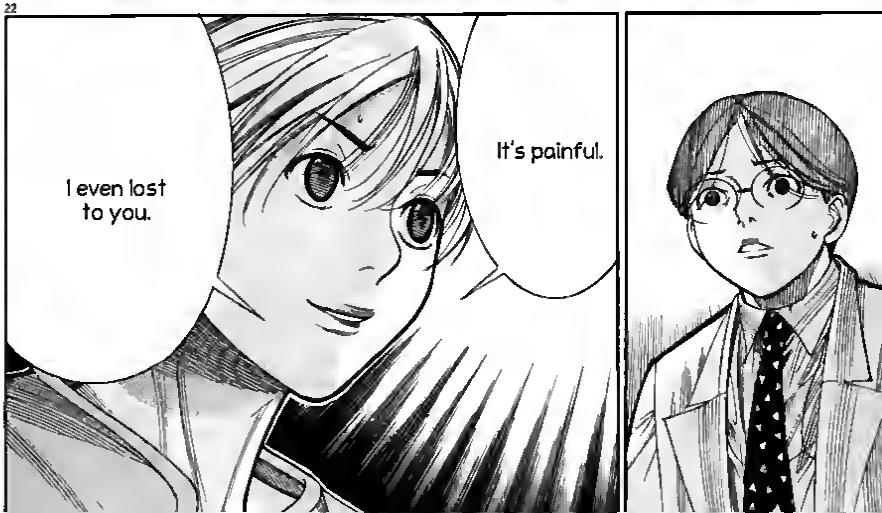
Ijuuin-sensei,
because Asada-sensei
is trying harder than anyone to raise you like that.

How should I put this .. It's like there's no love in his guidance
Asada-sensei is always cold to me...
I must be mistaken.
That's right.
...No way.
You must be mistaken, Miki-san.
Huh?

I probably
spent too much time around him.

I was supposed to take care of him,
but the truth is I just wanted him to stay by my side.



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He shouldn't have any expectations for others
if he only cared about himself.
However,
he only has expectations for others, and that's what makes him so tedious.

I want him to go to America.
Even if I get punished for this,
I want him to set off on a journey.

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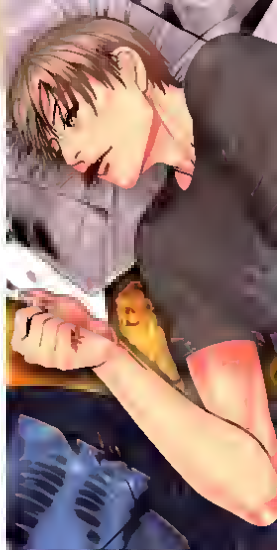

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Don't Go

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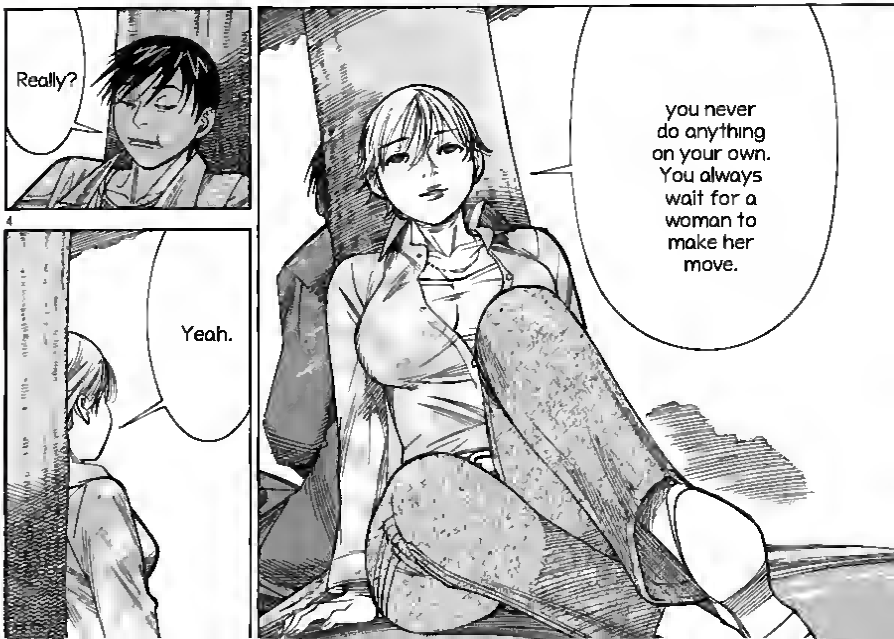
You know,
I've been thinking about...
how it was before we came here,
how we lived life at a slow pace in a fisherman's cabin.
Just like that,
we were living in the moment.
I never thought that sort of life was bad...
but it was different for you.

Yeah.
If I were to feel the same way again,
I wonder if I would still forcefully drag you back to become a doctor...
Who knows.
Ryu-chan,


Really?
you never do anything on your own. You always wait for a woman to make her move.
Yeah.

You never shared your feelings with me.
However,
there was that one time when you were really cool.
"Looks like I'm still a doctor."
Hearing you say those words back then saved me.
You should--

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...be coming with me?
Will you...

Nope.

I...

You should also challenge your limits.
If I don't, I'll turn into someone who can't do anything but follow you.
...would like to challenge myself somewhere else.

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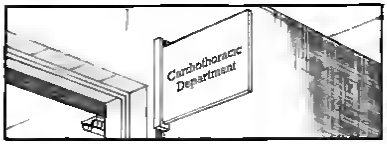
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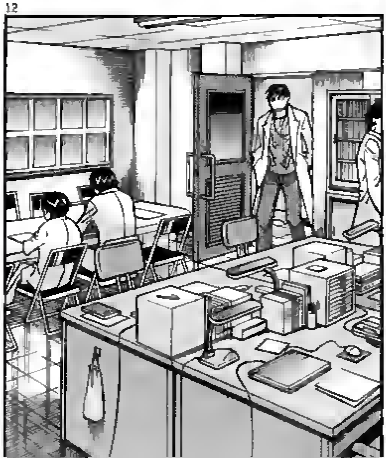
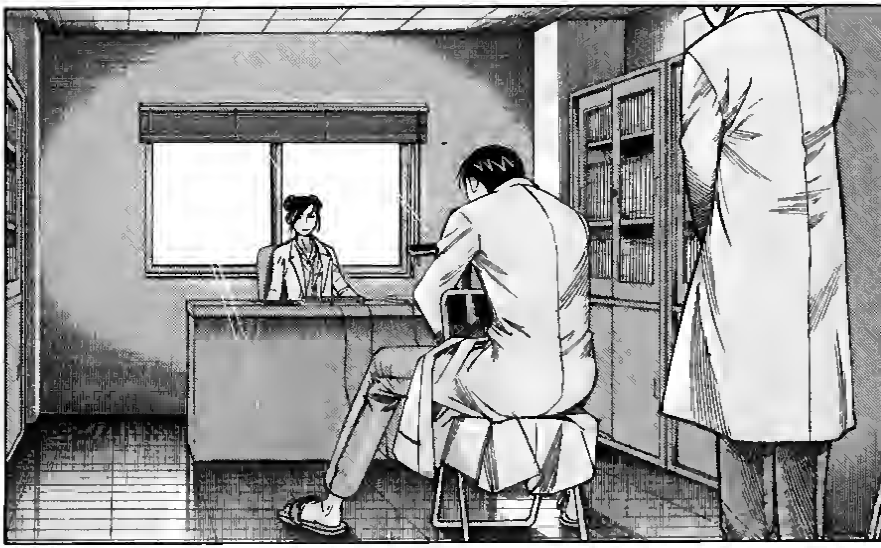
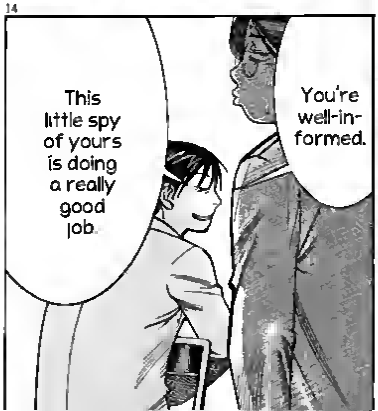


It's...
you going to UCLA...
probably about *that*...
You prefer being o doctor to getting promoted, right?
You won't go, right?
I see.
Asada-sensei,
Kotou-sensei wonts to see you.
Well, she also called for me...
Don't follow me.
He's in a bad mood.
I only talked to you, yet Miki already knows everything. What's wrong with this mouth of yours?
I haven't even spoken to Katou yet, right?
PAUVRE!
Ouch, ouch, ouch.





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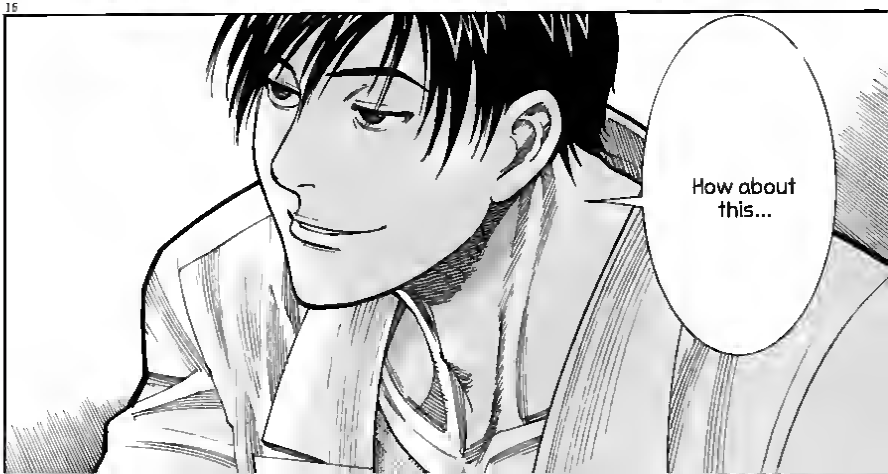
What do you plan on doing?
Miki told me to go for it.
I KNEW IT!!
SHE SAID SOME-THING UNNEC-ESSARY !!
Well, the two of us here are asking you now...
Will you go to UCLA?
...Hmmm,
I wonder what I should do

Just what do you mean by that?
I'm still thinking about it.
IT'D BE TROUBLE-SOME IF HE DECIDES TO LEAVE.
IT WOULD REALLY STIR UP THE MEDICAL OFFICE.
THERE'S NO WAY HE'D SET OUT AT SUCH A CRUCIAL TIME FOR THE ELEC-TION...!!


How about this...

Won't you come with me, Katou-chan?
That would be nice~
Why don't you also go and ask Kunitachi to recommend you to UCLA?
If you get promoted there, you will have an even better reputation than by just becoming a professor here, right?

BAM!!

Are you taking me for a fool?!
You should know by now!
I'm not interested in the professor's position! All I care about is the reform!
There's no way I'm backing out now!!
And that's because
my reform has already begun.

Right now,
o different type of wind is slowly blowing into the medical office.

Didn't you notice?
The number of doctors who come to see your batista procedure has risen.
Young doctors are taken in by your techniques.
They're desperately trying to learn something new.

...That's right.
have already raised someone--
The two of us
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Take a good look at the two of us!
--this Ijuuin-kun.

Ijuuin-kun and me?
Do you think you can forget us so easily--
If you really want to set out into the big world,
I won't try to stop you.
Even if I have to do it without you,
I will still reform this place
And I don't think that is any less important than going to UCLA.

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IF YOU SUPPORT MY REFORM PLAN
EVEN A LITTLE...
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So what will it be?
...THEN DON'T GO.

I've decided.
All right.
I will go to UCLA.
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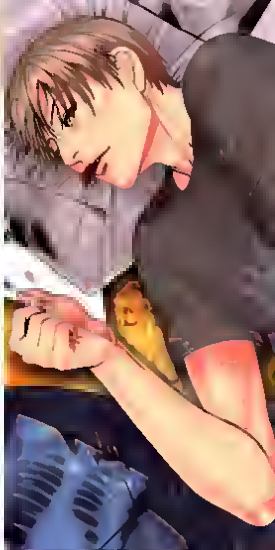

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